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to win three Grand

Nationals, is back in the running

The Times Portfolio competition prize of £2,000 was won vesterday by Mr A. Alvey, of London. Portfolio list, page 18; how to play. information service, back page.

Guidelines for nurses on Aids

Guidelines have been issued for health workers who come into contact with patients suffering trom Aids.

Such patients should be nursed in isolation, and hospital staff should wear disposable protective clothing when taking samples. The health of such staff should be monitored Too few experts, page 5

Beigrano delay

The Prime Minister said that Lord Lewin, Chief of the Defence Staff, was not immediately told of the first sighting of the General Belgrano, the Amentine cruiser that was sunk during the Falklands conflict

Crisis flight

President Mitterrand nounced on television last night that he would fly today to visit the troubled French territory of



Top Sikh shot

The head priest of the Sikhs' highest religious order was shot and wounded by a group of youths in a village in Punjab Page 6

VE Day service A service of commemoration in

Westminster Abbey on May 8 is being considered as the centrepiece of Britain's VE Day celebrations Back page Back page

Fight threat

Eddie Thomas, manager of Welsh challenger Colin Jones, threatened to pull out of Saturday's World Boxing Association welter-weight title bout against Don Curry because the weigh-in time has been brought forward.

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Legal threat to unions as rail strike goes ahead

• Train services in the • The High Court has Midlands and Yorkshire confirmed Mr Henry will be disrupted by a 24hour strike today over alleged ha rassment of railwaymen supporting the miners.

 British Rail has threatened to sue the rail unions for damages to cover losses caused by what it calls a "totally unjustified strike".

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Train services will be disrupted today by a 24-hour strike number of BR employees over alleged harassment of cannot be allowed to frustrate railway workers in the Midlands and risk the future of BR's who refuse to move coal.

British Rail warned the of future jobs in BR."
unions that it may seek The rising cost of the damages for losses caused by strike, which has led today's action.

could be affected with guards at Waterloo station pledged to disruption at King's Cross. British Rail's threat of legal

action was described as "the height of folly" by Mr Jimmy Knapp, the general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen. He said it would increase the possibility of other workers joining today's official action, which involves 5,000 rail workers at eleven depots in the Coalville and Worksop areas, Sheffield and Donaster.

statement containing the threat or Derby. while the unions were still strike. Mr John Palette the British Rail personnel director, said: "In fairness to our very clear to the unions that this present kind of situation will not be tolerated."

The statement said the strike was "totally unjustified". The board believed it had answered all the unions' allegations of out the instructions of their harassment by police and local elected executive committees. managemeent. Employees who They must and will receive the refused to move coal would be protect dealt with "firmly but fairly".

Richardson's position as general secretary of the Nottinghamshire Miners' union, but has reduced his

Pit deputies have severed links with the coal board and accused Mr. Ian MacGregor of being "cold and callous" in not meeting the NUM (back page).

"The action of a small freight business and the number

The rising cost of the miners' strike, which has led to freight business losses of more than The brunt of the action will £200 million, has persuaded be felt in the East Midlands and senior British Rail managers South Yorkshire, but some that it is to take a strong line London commuter services with the unions. A meeting next week between the chairman, Mr Bob Reid, and the unions will take sympathetic unofficial emphasize the management's action and threats of similar concern.

Soon after the unions' decision to go ahead with the strike became known, British Rail cancelled 47 trains mainly overnight services between London and Scotland.

If there is strong support for today's action, inter city services between London and Scotland will be halted at Peterborough
There will be no trains

between Birmingham and York The unions were angered by and services to Sheffield are the release of the British Rail likely to stop at either Leicester and services to Sheffield are

Mr Knapp accused the board deciding whether to call off the of handling the issue in a hamfisted way, saying the unions had been negotiating with the board since September to get customers, we have to make it the harassment problem settled. "The blame for the serious

and entirely unnecessary industrial action rests squarely on the shoulders of the British Rail board. Our members in the Midlands are simply carrying ship", Mr Knapp said.

Court ruling puts pits chief in 'exile'

Byu Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

confirmed that Mr Henry Richardson is the general secretary of the Nottinghamshire miners' union, but stripped him of many of his

In a decision that left both sides baffled. Mr Justice Woolf ruled that the pro-strike coalfield leader suspended by his area executive five days ago. should be permitted to resume

office. But under the terms of the ruling, he will not be able to carry out the policies of the National Union of Mineworkers executive from his offices in Mansfield, and the moderates seeking to oust him regard the outcome as a victory. Mr Richardson agreed last night that he is a "general secretary in exile".

The High Court decision effectively reverses a 24-hour holding injunction that was thought to have restored the Nottinghamshire secretary to his original, if increasingly untenable, position as the pro-strike leader of a coalfield where

Thames Television has poached Dallas from the BBC,

making it Britain's most

Apensive American soap opera

and almost certainly taking the unscrupulous antics of J R

Ewing off most television

The secret purchase by Thames for a record £55,000 an

episode has delighted BBC

executives who see it as proof of commercial television's big-

spending ways. It has so incensed other independent companies that many are

expected to refuse to transmit

the programme when it be-

comes available next autumn. Mr David Plowright, manag-

ing director of Granada, said:

"It is a unilateral purchase by Thames. Speaking in my personal capacity, I think the

timing of it is insensitive. I

don't propose to play it and frankly I don't see much point

at this particular time in our

Mr Paul Fox, managing

participating in a price war".

screens in Britain.

The High Court yesterday more than 90 per cent of the men are working normally. The ruling clears the way for Nottinghamshire miners to continue their defiance of the national strike call and dissociate themselves from the policies of the miners' union's national executive. A national

union delegate conference is

expected to expel the area on

January 29. Mr Richardson has been chosen as the man to organize a "lovalist" miners' union division in Nottinghamshire after that date, and he said yesterday that in the interim he will deal with correspondence from the union's national office at home and attend all meetings in his area in the usual way until the expected expulsion order takes

The feelings aroused by the internal union clash were brought into relief yesterday, by Mr Paul Todd, solicitor for the working miners in Nottinghamshire, who argued that there was animosity in the local

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'Dallas' poached from BBC

By David Hewson

director of Yorkshire Tele-vision, said: "We have no plans

to show Dallas. Emmerdale

Farm gets a better rating on the

network than Dallas does and I

am not particularly happy about the way this has been

about the news late yesterday

afternoon, were undecided about whether to run Dallas.

Details were revealed at a hastily-called BBC press

conference. Although the cor-

poration would have preferred

to keep the programme, there was obvious delight at some-

thing of a propaganda coup for

the BBC.
The commercial companies

were angry for two reasons. They believe that Thames should not have gone behind

their back to buy such a well-

known programme, and that the deal could prove a propa-ganda coup for the BBC, which

is attempting to accuse ITV of

profligacy during the difficult

necotiations over its licence fee.

Other companies, who heard



The Prince and Princess of Wales visiting Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey, yesterday. They drove through deep snow from Sandringham to fly to Heathrow. Photograph:

Blizzards sweep on across Europe

By Richard Dowden Blizzards are forecast for the south of England tonight by the Meteorological Office in Lon-don. "It will be the worst we have seen in this spell so far," a spokesman said.

Most of Europe is now caught in a layer of very cold air which swept down from northern Scandinavia unusnally far south and west across the continent. Snow fell on the Costa del Sol yesterday. In London the temperature fell to -4°C, the coldest day

since 1963, while Brighton recorded a temperature of -10. Despite the severe cold. conditions on many roads improved slightly yesterday and police forces reported fewer roads blocked and all main

rnads passable. Trains have been fitted with snow ploughs in some parts of the country and in Sussex and Kent, which experienced the worst of the weather, most train services were delayed.

• Hundreds of schools re mained closed, either cut off by drifting snow or suffering from frozen water pipes and central heating breakdowns. Many vegetables have doub-

led in price because of the cold weather, according to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Information Centre, and supplies could run out altogether if the had weather continues.

The ground is so hard in some parts that it is impossible to lift crops and frost is damaging plants. Sprouts, leaks and greens are particularly vulnerable.

In Europe more than 300 people bave been killed directly or indirectly by the cold and many parts are completely cut off. in northern Italy a state of emergency has been declared and troups have been brought in to clear roads.

Majorca, the Costa Brava and the Costa del Sol all had snow vesterday and traffic was brought to a standstill by a rare fall in Madrid.

In the Camargue, in southern France, 700 wild pink flamingos have died despite attempts by wildlife officials to save them. Fish, the birds normal diet, have become frozen in the salt lakes. In Britain the Department of the Environment has imposed a Continued on back page, col 3

Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC Television,

accused Thames of starting a

price war for imported US material. The BBC had been

prepared to raise the price for the series, currently £29,000 an

episode, but the Los Angeles

company Worldvision, which handles the series, insisted that

the negotiations be concluded

within four days because, the

BBC claimed. Thames was

negotiating. Thames denied that last

night. "Worldvision came to us

with Dallas after negotiations with the BBC broke down and

we bought it. This is an unusual

way of buying programmes but it is not unknown. We hope it

will be screened throughout the network". But ITV sources said

that there was no precedent for

a company attempting to buy a running series from the BBC

secretly, and if one were to be

attempted it would be made

through the federal body, the

Independent Television Com-

panies' Association.

Pound down too far, says Thatcher

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

what baffled by the slide.

She said in an interview on BBC radio Woman's Hour: "In my view, it's down too far and I inflation, still too high at 5 per do not like it sliding any further. cent, was to be kept down. do not like it being down at this rate." And at the end of a lengthy defence of the country's economic standing, she said: "It's something of a mystery as to why sterling was falling."

Mrs Thatcher said: "I think

ou will find that there is something very strange in that the dollar is at a uniquely high position against all of the western currencies, and even currencies that you and I think of as tremendously strong - the Swiss franc, the Deutschemark.

- have been at record lows.
"It is a kind of new phenomenon we have not encountered before, but we will have to learn how to deal with

But she then said: "One day in interest rates. it will break. You cannot go on whatever happens it will happen smoothly, because uncertainty and suddenness are ish Industry yesterday gave its in business.

Mrs Thatcher said that no Prime Minister liked to see the currency falling against the dollar. The Government had acted decisively, and the action had been effective.

The Prime Minister said She also repudiated a suggest rife rifine withinster said of the said of some people think," she said.

The interest rate "weapon" was sometimes necessary if

When the Prime Minister was asked whether the 2 point rise might not itself increase

The pound remained steady yesterday around \$1.12, ending the day a fraction of a cent down at \$1.1195. The sterling index was unchanged at 71.3. The called descended as the market awaited the outcome of the Washington meeting of the Group of Five finance ministers. But Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, insisted that the pound would not be at the top of the agenda.

prices, she said that there had been predictions of 7.5 per cent nflation after the July increase

it will break. You cannot go on "They weren't right," she with the dollar going up and up said, "and it was still 5 per cent against other currencies, and 1 in December, and I think that think most of us would feel that indicated a certain strength in

always very difficult for anyone full support to the Government in its fight to boister the pound. While attacking the rise in interest rates, business leaders expressed the firm hope that the level would come down again by the spring.
Ronald Butt, page 12

#Israel washes hands of Lebanon

From Christopher Walker

Jerusalem Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's yesterday that if massacres took place on Lebanese territory evacuated by Israeli troops next month, it would be the direct responsibility of the Lebanese Government and the indirect esponsibility of the United

Addressing an audience of Jewish fund-raisers at an Israeli air base, Mr Rabin said that Israel would be leaving the largest south Lebanese city of Sidon in four weeks. He emphasized that if anything happended to the 40,000 Palestinians housed in the city's Em Hilwe refugee camp, it would not be Israel's responsibility.

There is growing concern here about the possibility of serious blood-letting in the 500 square kilometres of territory Israel is to evacuate in the first phase of its three-stage withdrawal to the International border. Between 600,000 and 900,000 Lebanese civilians live in the area.

In an apparent reference to the massacre of Palestinian refugees by Lebanese Phalan-gists in West Beirut in September. 1982. Mr Rabin said: "We want one thing. To hand over this piece of territory with its hundreds of thousands of people in a way that there would be no repetition of massacres or anything of this kind."

Israel Radio reported last night that negotiations between Israel and Lebanon designed to determine security arrangements in the wake of Israel's withdrawal, are due to resume on Monday under UN auspices in the south Lebanese village of Naggoura. It said that today's scheduled session had been cancelled by the Lebanese for

technical reasons".
Bitter recriminations are continung inside Isreal's right wing Likud block - one of the two main factions in the National Unity Government - about the split between its ministers over Monday's crucial vote sanction the withdrawal.

Mr David Levy, deputy Prime Minister who supported the pullback vigorously defended his stand. He said he had not violated party policy since the Likud had not clearly defined its stand on the

■ GENEVA: When the Israeli army begins its withdrawal every Lebanese whose life is in danger because he cooperated with us - they are numerous and wants even to come to Israel can do so." Mr avid Kimche, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said here yesterday (Alan McGregor

Sharon wins first round

From Trevor Fishlock New York

Mr Ariel Sharon won the first round of his historic \$59 million (£52 million) libel action against *Time* magazine here yesterday. He needs two more favourable decisions to win the case.
Two months after he

Israel to do battle over the magazine's reporting of his role in the 1982 Lebanon war and the massacre of Palestinians in refugee camps, the emerged. Mr Sharon had defamed in one paragraph of Time's cover story entitled "The Verdict is Guilty". published in February 1983. Israel's former Defence Minister, now Minister of Industry and Commerce, said the words meant he had encouraged Christian Phalagnists in the slaughter of more than 700 Palestinians in the

Sabra and Chatilla camps, near The partial decision by the four women and two men of the jury was the first of three ed to make a complete

verdict. The jury also has to say whether the disputed aparag-raph was false and whether Time knowingly published in a spirit of malice, with reckless disregared for the truth. If Mr separte hearing to determine damages

He was the planner and driving force behind Israel's war, but the mass-



court yesterday.

badly damaged his reputation and he lost his job as Defence Minister. The official commission which investigated the masacre said he bore indirect responsibility.

report on the inquiry, Time said that "Sharon reportedly dis-cussed with the Gemayels the need for the Phalangists to take revenge for the assassination of Bashir (Geneval)" Bashir (Gemayel)". Time claimed this did not mean Mr Sharon had encouraged the

After the jury's first decision, Mr Milton Gould, Mr Sharon's lawyer, said that "six Others might prefer to remain in the region. "Perhaps we will have to do something to protect themm," he added, "but that's a difficult question."

Saaron's sawyer, saw that say ordinary Americans, reading English the way English is meant to be read, understand that the article was defamatory".

Reagan aide gloomy on space weapons accord

President Reagan conferred with his chief arms negotiators vesterday on prospects for the forthcoming superpower arms control talks (Christopher Thomas writes).

There is clearly a feeling in upper reaches of the Administration that there is only the remotest chance of an

early accord lt was Mr Reagan's first negotiations, probably in March. Mr Richard Perle, assistant Secretary of Defence and a hardliner, said later that

Administration

nuclear arms. It believed in far more chance of accord on intermediate-range weapons and strategic arms than on the "much newer and

space," he said. While promising that the allies would be consulted before the United States deployed any weapons in space, he insisted that "in the final analysis, there meeting with the team that negotited agreement in Geneva are no international obligations last week to resume arms that would prevent the US from proceeding with deployment" if it had once withdrawn from the 1972 anti-ballistic missile (ABM) treaty with the Soviet

The Derevener Sultan of Brunei pays £43m for London hotel

By Judith Hantley The Dorchester Hotel in Park

Lane, London, has been sold to the Sultan of Brunei for more single hotel deal in Britain. The Sultan intends lavishing another £20 million on refurbishing the building which has changed hands four times since the McAlpine family sold it in 1976 for £9 million.

The Sultan has bought the hotel from Regent International, the Hong Kong-based company whose American chairman and president is Mr Robert Burns. Regent, however, will continue to operate the The sale highlights the Lon-Dorchester. Mr Burns and the don market trend where top Sultan were rival bidders for the quality luxury hotels are much Dorchester in July last year but in demand from foreign buyers.

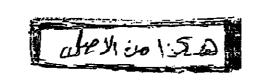
Mr Burns emerged victorious. Hotel chains such as Regent

All 600 staff have been assured that their jobs are secure. A change of ownership is nothing new to the staff. A Middle Eastern consortium bought the hotel in 1976 and three years later it was purchased by Lebanese interests for £17 million. It then became the property of Regent Inter-national and now, less than a year later, it has passed into the hands of the Sultan of Brunei, More than £14 million has already been spent on improv-ing the luxury hotel over the past three years.

Hotel chains such as Regent International, on the other The hotel charges up to £500 hand, are happy to operate night for suites with single rooms costing from £85 a night.



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TUC moves to expel two unions who took ballot aid

But proposals for changes in

in policy, to allow unions to operate the laws.

Mr Gerry Russell, of the Amalgamated Union of Engin-

eering Workers, said yesterday that it was questionable whether

ballot on whether to accept state

cash. The result, widely expected to be overwhelmingly in

favour, will be announced in

ment the decision of their members. We have been seve-

rely criticized by one or two

in Britain that would ignore a

The electricians union has

indicated that it will claim back

ballots it has held during the

past five years, but might freeze

the money pending any change in its attitude towards the law.

That pledge is on the table, but

was not regarded as sufficient to

forestall formal invocation of

Lobby rule

changes

debated

By Our Political

Correspondent

Parliamentary lobby re-

meeting at the House of

Commons last night to debate

proposed changes in the rules

under which they are formally briefed by No 10 Downing Street staff, ministers and

secret ballot of its members,

The engineers will imple-

two weeks.

Mr Russell said.

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor TUC leaders set in motion 13 against the electricians and disciplinary procedures yester-day which could lead to the be called in to explain their expulsion of two large unions, the electricians and engineers, for accepting state finance for for a second time.

But the punishment may never be carried out because the unions agreed to delay for at least two months a final decision and moves are afoot to

change the policy.

The TUC's employment during the union conference season. TUC moderates are policy and organization computing their money on a shift in policy, to allow unions to disciplinary rule 13. which permits suspension and expulsion, to make the engineers and electricians conform to the policy of non-co-operation with

But the union have adopted a softer approach than yesterday's decision might suggest. The general council will be recommended to return the issue to the finance and general purposes committee for an inquiry which will take several

A proposal from Mr David Basnett, leader of the General, Municipal and Boilermakers Union and a key figure in the centre-right coalition which holds power on the general council, for a special conference to ensure that TUC policy has the full support of its affiliates was thrown out unceremoniously.

Another suggestion, that the indicated that it will claim back from the Government several Norman Willis, should report to hundred thousand pounds for healths, it has held during the the general council was also rejected, by 13 votes to six.
Union leaders were left with the delaying tactic proposed in a Congress House policy paper.

If the general council agrees forestall formal invocation the disciplinary procedure.

Farm union

presses for

higher pay

workers are to press for substantial pay rises after publication on Tuesday of

government figures which show

that farmer's incomes last year

rose by 22 per cent. Mr Jack

Boddy, national secretary of the

farmworkers section of the Transport and General

said he wanted the farmwork-

er's basic wage raised to £130, which, with overtime, would

increase the take-home pay to

about that of the average

industrial worker.
The National Farmers'

Union, which represents em-

ployers on the Agricultural

Wages Board, will resist the

Opposition and almost certainly

from many Conservatives aggrieved that their areas have

not been granted special treat-

debate, it is sure to face a deal of

carping criticism; regional pol-

icy is one of those issues on which no government can ever

The re-drawn map of Bri-

tian's assisted areas was disclosed at the end of November

by Mr Norman Lamont, the Minister of State for Industry,

after several years of investi-gation and study and 12 months

of lobbying by a varied group of interested parties. His reception

was far from enthusiastic, nobody welcomed the changes

in the way public money is handed out to industry and

commerce, except the Treasury.

which applauded the predicted

£300 million cut in regional aid spending by 1987-88.

Predictably, Mr John Smith, the shadow trade spokesman, said at the time that the

revamped policy ensured only

that a much reduced amount of

jam was spread more thinly, but

Mr Roger Gale, the Conserva-

tive MP for Thanet North, said

win unanimity of satisfaction.

defeat from today's

Britain's

publication

325.000

Forty peers line up for live TV debate

By Julian Haviland

Members of the House of Lords are competing vigorously to appear next week in the first ive television showing of a British parliamentary debate.

With a week still to lapse before Wednesday's debate on the economy, the exceptional number of more than 40 peers had signified by last night their conference decision. If they persist they will be summoned intention to speak.

Some are likely to drop out.

but several others are expected to come forward. If the the TUC's attitude towards the numbers do not shrink the Employment Acts of 1980 and debate is likely to last until well past midnight, although the 1982 and the 1984 Trade Union Act are expected to emerge BBC's main transmission will

stop shortly after 7pm.

The debate, on the motion of a Labour peer. Lord Beswick, is on the need for the Government to develop economic and social policies which unite the

The show is likely to be the employment committee could do anything constitutional under rule 13. The engineers have had a secret stolen by Lord Stockton of Ovenden formerly Mr Harold Macmillan, who will be 91 next month and whose maiden speech in the Upper House last November was universally

Although Lord Stockton was the thirtyfifth peer to put his name down, he is likely to be heard fifth, by virtue both of respect for age and of public demand. people on the committee for balloting our members, but I would like to know any union

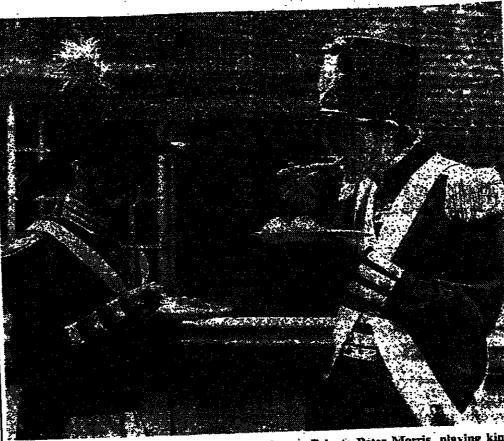
The Bishop of Birmingham. the Right Rev Hugh Nontefiore, is to make his maiden speech which has been awaited with some interest since his criticism of the Government last October for persisting in the "politics of confrontation".

Another maiden speech is due from Lord Monkswell, who is due to take his seat for the first time that day. Formerly Mr Gerard Collier. Lord Monskswell will be only the seventeenth hereditary peer on the Labour side.

He is also notable, since he is the first son of a peer who disclaimed a peerage to have established his right to succeed

Whales beached

RSPCA officials tried in vain to save 34 stranded pilot whales vesterday on the coast near Spurn Head in Humberside.



Light refreshment: Two men of the Light Infantry, Private Peter Morris, playing king of Prussia, and Private Carl Davies as a Napoleonic era infantryman, at rehearsals for the tercentenary pageant of 12 Army regiments at the Royal Albert Hall tonight (Photograph: John Voos).

Belgrano delay for defence chief

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

"As to the timing at which Lord Lewin was informed, it The Prime Minister said yesterday that Lord Lewin, has not been possible for some two years after the event to Chief of the Defence Staff and member of the so-called War Cabinet during the 1982 Falkestablish with certainty why he was not told sooner. lands conflict, was not immedi-"However, the key developately told of the initial sighting ment, which led to the subof the General Belgrano at 2 pm on May 1, and that he had given

sequent consideration of a change in the rules of engagement, was the clear an unmons select committee on equivocal indications of the threat posed by Argentine Mrs Thatcher said that Lord warships on 2 May. Lewin had correctly told the committee last year that the Argentine cruiser had first been Lord Lewin informed minis-

ters of that threat at 1 pm on May 2 and the rules engagement were changed to allow the sinking of the cruiser, with the subsequent loss of 368

A further signal was sent by Conqueror, and received by Northwood at 3.40 pm, that the Belgrano had reversed course back towards Argentina, but ministers were not told of that signal until the following

Mrs Thatcher also told Mr Foulkes: "The conflict emphati-cally underlined the fundamen-tal principle that, in any such

crisis, ministers must be respon-sible for the overall political and military strategy on the basis of the information and advice provided by their pro-fessional advisers, but that they cannot and should not attempt to be involved in the conduct of operations on a minute-byminute basis.

"In the case of the Falklands would have been neither realistic nor sensible for ministers to see copies of all operational signals exchanged betweend Northwood and the

Mr Foulkes said last night that the Prime Minister's answer was astonishing. If the General Belgrano had been a threat, the Chief of Staff would surely have been told

He said: "I don't know what changes the Government have made in their crisis management arrangements, but I hope they were drastic ones."
Mr Tom Dalvell, Labour MP

for Linlithgow, said: "How on earth has it taken more than two years of hard Labour to find this out?"

colliery, Blyth, Northumber-land, had stopped producing coal before the pit strike began last March, but miners had **Falklands** been salvaging machinery and equipment foe use elsewhere. get pledge • The High Court case in on self-rule which Mr Arthur Scargill and other National Union of Mine-By Rodney Cowton workers leaders are accused of conspiring to assault working miners will begin today when

The right of self-determito be enshrined in a proposed new constitution for the islands. A revised constitution has been under consideration for two years. It is seen primarily as a tidying-up operation, pulling together elements of the present constitution which are contained in a large number of documents.

A draft of the new constitution is being considered by the legislative council of the Falkland Islands, and the fact that Mrs Thatcher had agreed to the right of self-determination being enshrined in the constitution is said to have been greeted with great enthusiasm in the islands.

to take a tough line with private homes for the elderly and There has been concern disabled under new legislation among the islanders that Britain's other dependencies in the that came into effect on January South Atlantic - South Georgia 1. if Britain was not to see the and the South Sandwich Islands "worst excesses of commercially-based care" which had occurred in the United States and Australia, a conference was Falkland Islands. told yesterday. Prof Malcolm Johnson, Pro-

The Government appears to have made a concession to the have made a concession to the islanders feelings by proposing that as an administrative convenience all the dependencies should continue to be administered by the Civil Commissioner of the Flakland Islands, at present Sir Rev

"They are having quite a few

problems in admitting emerg-

ency patients. Most orthopaedic

wards are overflowing, putting

A further deterioration in the

weather could lead to the first

"red alert", asking hospitals to cancel all non-urgent ad-missions, since the 1970s, she

Hospitals facing particular difficulties include those in

Hillingdon, Bromley and New-ham. The Mayday hospital in Croydon said it had had to go

waiting list cases for the day on

four times in the past 10 days,

"red alert", cancelling

pressure on other beds.

Cold causes cancellation of hospital admissions

putting extreme pressure on hospitals.

cancellation of scores of hospital admissions and operations in and around London. The emergency bed service, which helps family doctors find

routine cases on some days.

Miss Monica Craig, administrator of the service, whose future has been under threat as bined with the seasonal rise in

(Chenies) weather radar system come with the help of a new

mation about rainfall approach-

SAS man Anger over shot dead inquiry into on firing police and pits strike range

action in the miners' strike.

retary, to order police forces throughout the country and other interested parties to

refuse to co-operate in the

Mrs Thatcher will face a

barrage of questions in the Commons today from angry

Tory MPs.
Mr Powell said yesterday

that the decision to hold an inquiry would "teach people

some of the consequences of

creating a directly elected

creating -European assembly. Winterton,

Mr Nicholas Winterton, Conservative MP for Maccles-

field, said: "This is an unac-

ket is no longer an economic community but day by day

becomes much more a political

Mr Harry Greenway, Con-tervative MP for Ealing North,

said: "I hope police forces will

not co-operate. I shall be

raising this issue in Parliament

with the Prime Minister urging her to disown this scandalous

and deliberate attempt to

undermine Britain's internal

affairs by meddling Labour

• The number of miners

abandoning the 10-month-old pit strike is increasing, and the National Coal Board expects

this week's returns to be the

The coal board said that 340

new faces" reported for work

yesterday, bringing the total for the week so far to 2,283.

• Mining equipment worth £500,000 written off because

management staff involved in

salvaging it from a coalface are

needed on production work, the

coal board said yesterday. The Lion 299 face at Bates

19 working miners will temporary injunctions banning mass pickets and banning the

claimed, not lawful.

'Get tough

on homes

for elderly'

By Our Social Services

Correspondent

Local authorities would have

fessor of Health and Social

Welfare at the Open University

said that the evidence from

America and Australia was that

failure to insist on high

standards from the start led to

malpractice. "astronomical" costs, and "shameful examples of public failure causing private

misery". He told a conference in

London, organized by Age Concern and the local auth-

orities association that with the Department of Health and Social Security financing increasing numbers of the elderly

in private homes, public as wel

as private money was involved.

Local authorities would be

challenged by home owners

angry at the costs of better care

Growth in numbers aged 65+ in residential homes in England

"Estimated; all rumbers approximate.

95,000 104,000 106,000 22,500 26,000 26,000 19,000 36,000 50,000

Airlines cut

fares to

Spanish cities

Cuts of up to 45 per cent on scheduled flights to Spain from

April were announced by British Airways and Iberia

pesterday. They will be available on off-peak flights from Heathrow, Gatwick and Manchester to Madrid, Malaga and

other Spanish cities with the biggest cuts available in July

and September.

"astronomical"

highest so far this year.

A joint Army and police investigation is to be mounted Unionist Party MP for Down. into the death of Sergeant Raymond Abbots, aged 33, of the Special AW Service Regi-South, yesterday led an outcry over the European Parliament's decision to set up a special inquiry committee into police ment (SAS) who died of gunshot wounds during training at the regiment's headquarters Now pressure is mounting on the Prime Minister and Mr in Hereford yesterday. Leon Brittan the Home Sec-

The Ministry of Defence said that the incident happened on an army range at Hereford but would not say whether the training was target practice of a more elaborate exercise.

A spokesman said that liveammunition was regularly used in training areas with ranges and by all regiments. You cannot expect to train a man in accurate marksmanship withut using live ammunition.

The SAS has a 750 acre training aea next to the village of Abbey Dore Villagers have frequently complained of fullscale mock battles, often held at night, involving explosions, helicopters, powered hang gliders and parachute drops.

ceptable and gross interference into the affairs of a member state. I hope the Prime Minister and the Home Sec-Sergeant Abbots was single The MoD could not say when retary will make a statement an inquest would be held. West indicating that we will ignore any of its findings and will play Mercia police referred inquiries to the ministry. on part in the inquiry.

This is an indication of the gradual erosion of national sovereignty of individual EEC countries. The Common Martin and longer an economic

Five years for meter fraud

John Baird, aged 55, a former meter collector of Moredunvale Place, Edinburgh, who de-frauded the South of Scotland Electricity Board of £173,538 by turning back meters in more than 80 establishments was yesterday jailed for five years. Baird had lodged a special defence at the High Court sitting in Dunfermline incriminating his son-in-law Graham Jansch, but after Mr Jansch flew from South Africa to clear his name Baird's counsel. Mr Ian Hamilton, QC, told the Count that attacks made on Jansch in evidence were totally untrue and Baird now pleaded guilty to

Detained Briton visited by wife

Mrs Pat Plummer was briefly reunited yesterday with her husband, Robin, one of the four Britons detained in Libya, inthe detainee's' new quarters outside Tripoli. She said that her husband was well and that all four were more relaxed since they had been moved.

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy. who also visited the four yesterday has still not been given a date by the Libyan authorities when a decision on the Briton's fate will be made.

BBC transmitter plan ruled out spending of cash by the union on picketing which is not peaceful and therefore, it is

An application from the BBC for new radio transmitters for its World Service to be erected at Bearley, near the Royal Shakespeare Company's theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, was rejected yester-day by Mr Patrick Jenkin. Secretary of State for the Environment

The RSC feared that the six transmitters, with 300 foot towers, would affect the workings of delicate electrical stage equipment at the theatre.

Record advert

The longest television advertisement ever broadcast in Britain, a seven-minutes 10 seconds long, is to be trans-mitted on TV-am on Sunday morning. The advertisement, for a Manchester mail order company, was approved yester-day by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Nalgo vote

Thousands of electricity workers have voted for industrial action in support of a 35-hour week, the National and Local Government Officers Association said yesterday. But little effect on power supplies is expected.

Cruise protest

A cruise missile left Green-ham Common in Berkshire early yesterday, amid protests from peace campaigners that vehicles known to have poor road handling should be al-lowed out in icy conditions.

The Times overseas selling prices Austria Sch 29: Beissum 8 fm SC: Canada \$2.73. Canada \$2.75. Canad

Sinn Fein wins video reward for electricity bill

Sinn Fein, political arm of the IRA, has been given a video recorder by the Irish Republic's electricity board in a scheme to encourage customers to pay

promptly.
Sinn Fein's paid-up account in central Dublin was chosen by computer from 1,200,000 qualifying consumers in a monthly

An electricity board spokes man said yesterday. "The number was checked to see if the account was paid within 14

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opposition party leaders. Workers' Union, said he would Although it was said that there was public interest in the operation of political briefings. Toy soldiers showed at wear peaked caps. An identical set of steel-helmeted gunners that they were dollar -linked was sold two months ago for father than sterling) commodities when a new auction record price and predating the slide in be pressing for a basic of £130 Farmworkers average earnings are £123 for a 46-hour for a 35-hour week held on a non-attributable basis, it was decided by 24 week, compared with the average industrial wage of £162 for a 40-hour week. Mr Boddy votes to four that the meeting

(rather than sterling) commodities when a new auction record for a set of lead soldiers was made at £7,920. It was a Royal should be private Mr Glyn Mathias, political editor of Independent Tele-Horse Artillery six-horsegun vision News and lobby chairteam at the gallop with a limber.

man, said afterwards that there would be a ballot of lobby reporters on a proposal for a "permissive" change of rules to enable ministers or opposition spokesman to speak on the record in a lobby briefing if that is mutually agreed."

The new policy.

replaces one that most industri-

alists and civil servants agreed

had become too costly and out-

of-date, concentrates on job-

creating investment under a

The old development and

special development areas are

to be replaced by development

areas with the second tier

comprising intermediate areas

where only selective assistance

will apply. Automatic grants in

the new development areas will

be limited to a cost per job of £10,000 which compares with £35,000 per job in the 1970s.

Charges if inflexibility and of doing little to rectify the deep-scated disparities between the

distressed and more affluent regions are likely to be laid against the Government. But

today's government motion leaves little scope for a Tory revolt. It welcomes the closer

alignment of the new assisted

area map to areas' relative needs for increased employ-

ment opportunities, agrees that it is right at a time of high unemployment to relate assis-

tance more directly to jobs, and calls on MPs to approve that "the increased cost effectiveness

enable the burden on tax payers

to be substantially reduced.

regional assistance will

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Government's new and near far enough. We would like contentious economic policy for to see, instead of regional aid,

the regions today gets it first full sectoral aid which would help

unlikely to suffer any embar-streamlined two-tier system.

Common battering from the industry country-wide".

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent the pound.

Toy soldiers gallop

to dollar's tune

a gun, four mounted gunners and a mounted officer. The set was made briefly in

mistaken evidence to a Com-

sighted on the afternoon of May

But in a letter to Mr George

Foulkes, a Labour front-bench-

er, she then added: "Although

HMS Conqueror's signal was received in Northwood and the

Ministry of Defence on the afternoon of May 1 and both

the Task Force Commander

and senior staff in the Ministry

of Defence were aware of the

report at that time, Lord Lewin

himself had no knowledge of

this and his belief that it was

received around midnight was mistaken.

foreign affairs.

in New York on Tuesday, Christie's started the new year with an important sale of Old Master paintings totalling £3.3 million

The star turn was a 1645 river landscape by Salomon van 1940 and 1941. Its extreme river landscape by Salomon van rarity involves the soldiers Ruysdael which sold for wearing steel helmets: in a \$418.000 (estimate \$150.00 to

much more common set they \$250,000) or £366.666. Battle lines are drawn on regional aid

ASSISTED AREAS

(from 29.11.84)

Development Areas

Intermediate Areas

Newcastie upon Tyne

RUC man told to lie over killing Senior Royal Ulster Con-

stabulary officers invented an account of a killing in Northern Ireland so that an officer would not have to reveal he was working on Special Branch information.

The sergeant was ordered to change his account of the shooting near Lurgan, co Armagh, in which a teenager died and another was seriously wounded, Belfast Crown court was told yesterday. The officer, Sergeant "X" said that after the hayshed shooting he told senior officers what occurred when Michael Tighe, aged 17, was shot dead by an RUC anti-terrorist unit.

The officer told the trial of

Martin McCauley, seriously injured in the incident who is charged with possessing three rifles, that he was given an invented account and told that under no circumstances was he to disclose that he was working on Special Branch information. The officer said his fictitious account alleged he had seen a

gunman running from a cottage to the shed but the true account was that a man was standing inside with a rifle One policeman had shouted a

warning and then he and a collegue fired two bursts Mr McCauley denies posses The hearing continues today.

sing three elderly rifles, only one of which had a bolt.

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent The weather has led to the

which helps lamily doctors find beds, has declared a "yellow alert", asking hospitals to cut back non-urgent admissions. Some hospitals have gone on "red alert", cancelling all

the four Thames regions ques-tion its £400,000 annual budget, said fractures and falls cornchest complaints of bronchitis. congestive heart failure and hypothermia in the elderly was

> is now monitoring continuously the Greater London area and the south-east from a hill-top in the Chilterns... By relaying detailed infor-

ing the area, warning of expected high river levels will be passed to local authorities more quickly.

including vesterday. Radar to aid weathermen More accurate early warning of heavy snow and rain should

on

weather radar system (our Science Editor writes). Equipment which can detect the intensity of snow, hail or rain up to 130 miles away was brought into operation yester-£800,000 London

Reductions include: Madrid midweek return. £131 compared with a current £238; numb Barcelona £133 (at present the ac £190); Bilbao £133 (£176), days.

Jenkin to meet Labour group fighting rate-capping By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent The Labour leaders said that ment plans to lay parliamen-But a departmental spokesman

The Government is to con-cade de facto recognition to a coalition of hard-line Labour said yesterday that he would meet councillors collectively, including it seems representa-tives of Liverpool, which is not council leaders, including Mr Derek Hatton, the Liverpool being rate-capped in 1985-86.
Mr Jenkin also seems to have abandoned the date announced as final deadline for councillor, who yesterday said that the group's intention was to "give Mrs Thatcher a bloody nose". appeals against rate-capping Previously, Mr Patrick

Jenkin, Secretary of State for figures - Tuesday of this week. the Environment, insisted that

leaders of rate-capped councils yesterday declared to be plead with him individually. January 24, when the Govern-

tary orders fixing limits for the 18 councils (16 of them Labour) facing a cap on their rates.

Determination not to be picked off by Mr Jenkin in separate deals was the keynote of yesterday's meeting of the Local Government Campaign Unit, which, although it nominally represents some 45 councils, is the vehicle of Labour councils facing rate-

their ambition was to force the Government to repeal the Rates Act, 1984, and to emasculate the 1980 and 1982 Acts, which set the present system of penalties and targets. In addition, they wanted extra rate support grant of £4 billion to The group is to write to Mr

Jenkin indicating an intention to meet him. Parliament, page 4

MPs call for 80mph limit and tougher driving test to improve road safety

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

mph speed limit on motorways in spite of its rejection by transport ministers last month.

The proposal was promptly condemned by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, whose director of road safety. Mr Michael Read, described it as "misguided". Higher speeds would lead to more death and injury ROSPA said. The organisation is to said. The organisation is to press ministers to resist the MPs proposal.

Mr Harry Cowans, chairman

subsidy from every household.

An all-party group of MPs that the proposal had been very which was compiled after a two-called yesterday for a trial 80 carefully considered. The year study, says that although carefully considered. The year study, says that although committee members felt that it deaths and injuries have dewould improve safety by getting clined during the past decade rid of the "convoy situation" which had developed since coach and lorry speeds were billion a year and are "far too billion a year and are "far too billion as year and a increased last year.

The MPs' proposal was supported by the Association of

that a longer driving test should Chief Police Officers, and was also welcomed yesterday by the Automobile Association. The The MPs also

recommended level for drinkdrive offences should be recon-

80 mph limit would apply only to cars and would have to be The Department of Transport said last night it would be having a "long hard look" at the report and hoped to improve road safety with the com-mittee's help. Road Safety. House of Commons 103-1. Stationery Office. £5.55

Road Accidents in Britain 1972-82

1972 1982 change

Total casualties 359,727 334,296

'Double company-car tax

Britain's 65,000 buses mounted the centre of privatization yesterday after the Department proposals, passed the test first of Transport disclosed that time, nearly half of them failed their An

annual Public Service Vehicle as misleading by the larger buses in the Metropolitan areas, operators, who privately allege and 67 per cent of local that they have been published authority buses, passed. About to support the Government's 56 per cent of the 28,000 private

bus privatization plans. According to the Department of Transport, only 60 per cent puted by London Transport, of the 14,000 buses run by the which said 65 per cent of its

The licence fee should be doubled for company cars, and siphoned off from the company tax allowances scrapped, according to the environment group. London Amenity and Transport.

fuel for leisure journeys or siphoned off from the company car in a two-car household. Other illegalities include turning back the mile-ometer after two years' intended. Company cars account for half of new car registrations and cost £1,500 million a year in tax evasion, equivalent to a first size use: a practice which adds £1.000 to the price of a car.

Company cars should be a first size use: a practice which adds £1.000 to the price of a car.

committee's report,

doubling of tax as a first step. Tax evasion includes claims for commuting mileage, and Street, London SEI. £5).

High failure rate in bus tests

By Michael Horsnell Concern about the safety of in the country, which is now at

London Transport's 5,000 buses failed; and only 49 per cent of But the figures were criticized Passenger Transport Executive

> buses passed the annual test. The figures were hotly dis-

most minor adjustments, while

still in the test centre. A spokesman said: "These are terribly misleading figures put out by the Department. A chewing gum is found on the bottom of a seat, because an internal light bulb needs replacing or because of a scratch in the paintwork.'

A spokesman for the National Bus Company said only 12 per cent of buses failed that no more than 6 per cent of state-owned National bus bases passed first time, and a failures are caused by mechan-Company, the largest operator further 29 per cent after the ical defects.



sculptor Gordon Gouier before the opening today of the second International Contemporary Art Fair at Olympia,
London. (Photograph: Jonathan Player).

Dog 'theft was April Fool joke'

and holding a Yorkshire terrier to ransom told the police it had been an April Fool joke, a jury

was told yesterday.

Mrs Marion West, aged 38, said she was being paid expenses for helping David Pearce take Barney and blackmail its owner, Mrs Jean Clayden. Chelmsford Crown Court was told.

Mrs Clayden, aged 42, described as a friend of the Duke of Edinburgh, said that the dog was stolen after she ended a sexual relationship with Pearce, lodger, groom and handyman at her stud farm at the Vinery, Kelvedon, Essex.

Pearce, aged 35, and West, both from Stevenage, Hertfordshire, denied stealing the dog and demanding £2,000 with menaces for its safe return.

Trident man 'bought' by paper, jury told

weapon expert who briefed senior officials on the Trident missile programme, had finan-cial difficulties and betrayed the confidence of the Ministry of Defence by passing confidential documents and information to The Observer, Bristol Crown Court was told eysterday.

Mr Michael Broderick, for the prosecution, told the jury: "Putting it crudely, bluntly and to some extent colloquially. I can sum up the Crown case by saying the defendant was bought and as a result, he batrayed his employers' confidence in return for money.

Mr Williams, aged 38, of Charlecombe Lane, Bath. pleaded not guilty to two charges of curruption. It was alleged he had received pay-

Raymond John Williams, a paper totalling £1,500 for supplying documents and information to the paper and one of its journalists, Mr Patrick

> Mr Broderick said that in October 1983 Mr William's diary had indicated he needed £2,000 quickly or his home and car would be at risk. It also showed that after sending a letter to the paper he had meetings in Bath and London with Mr Bishop and other representatives of the news-

On one occasion after £1,000 had been paid by the paper into his account, he was seen by a clerk from his bank sitting on a bench in Bath passing papers to Mr Bishop and another

The hearing continues today.

Cable TV may keep

to business By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

New cable television networks may contain few if any entertainment channels and may be used only for carrying business data or non-enertain ment services such as armchair shopping or banking.

The policy was outlined by Mr Jon Davey yesterday at the announcement of his appointment as director general of the Cable Authority, the watchdog of cable television.

Such a policy is a significant departure from the government's plans of three years ago. The Information Technology Advisory Panel, envisaged a typical model network to consist of 30 channels, of which 20 were entertainment.

Code for keeping animals in school

Wales are crawling with ani-mals large and small, from goats, gerbils, chickens and cockroaches to poultry, pigs, and sometimes cattle, accord-ing to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Aui-

from schools about how to look after the creatures that the society has produced guidelines telling them which animals they should keep and how they should look after them.

Small mammals, such as gerbils, mice, rats, guinea pigs and rabbits are suitable, it says, although hamsters may not be because they like to sleep during the day and become aggressive when tickled by inquisitive children. Birds, fish and certain amphibians are also considered suitable by the

However invertebrates, such as stick insects, locusts and be kept only for up to half a term, — society advises. "Invertebrates should not be exposed to any stress and should be seen to be treated with as much respect as

Animals on the up list are wild mammals and wild birds (because they can transmit disease); carnivores (because they may like to eat chickens); primates (because it is against the law) and emphibians.

If there is a good educational reason for keeping an amphibian, schools may do so, but they natural habitat as soon as possible, the guidelines say. They add that some native species, for example the natterjack toad and great crested

The guidelines remind schools that animals should be attended to every day.

Comedian is cleared of car charge

esterday of careless driving. Magistrates at Weston-super-Mare. Avon. took less than a minute to find Mr Connolly. aged 42, from Fulham, west London, not guilty of driving on the M5 at Kingston Seymour without due care and attention. Volkswagen Beetle

grass verge last June. Mr Connolly, a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, was alone and no other vehicle was involved. He spent a day in hospital recovering from a head injury

and bruising. Magistrates were told that a cast iron brake drum from the nearside wheel fell in two parts when examined. Mr Walter Robinson, a member of the Institute of Diagnostic Engineers, said the split brake drum caused the wheel to lock momentarily, forcing the car to

Explicit Lennon prints on show

Eight sexually explicit litho-graphs by John Lennon which were seized by the police from the London Arts Gallery went on display at Beatle City Museum, Liverpool, yesterday. the fifthteenth anniversary of

The drawings, part of a collection of 14 called "Bag One" drawn on his honeymoon with Yoko Ono in 1969, show the couple engaged in various

GP drug budgets as spending control

Health ministers are con-spending on family doctor sidering giving family doctors services, which, unlike the individual "drug budgets" to hospital service, are not cash-

help to control spending on general practitioner services. introduction of the Government's proposed "black-list" of drugs for which the National Health Service would no longer pay from April 1, as another convertible overturned on to a step to controlling spending on

> drugs.
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> The budget idea is one of a number of options being con-sidered for inclusion in the Government's Green Paper on

for the spring.

Individual doctors or group practices would be given a budget for drugs, which they would not be allowed to exceed. As an incentive to prescribe economically they might be

limited. Because they are demand-led by the number of The vote would follow the patients who turn up for consultations. spending has tended to exceed forecasts.

> certainly oppose the move. The GP drugs bill has risen in part because to save money some hospitals have been discharging supply of drugs, telling them to go to their doctor for further supplies. Earlier discharge of patients from hospitals has also pushed drug spending from the hospital to the family doctor

Limiting GPs spending would cap the one side of the health service free to respond to allowed to keep any savings, or patient demand, and doctors more likely, would be allowed would be likely to raise the to spend any savings on spectre of patients turning up at improvement's to their practice. the year end and being told they
The move arises in the main could not have the drug they from Treasury pressure to need because the money had improve the forecasting of run out.

Bigger list needed of limited NHS drugs

At least a dozen drugs will needed to allow an excluded have to be added to the Government's limited list of drugs for which the National Health Service will pay from April 1, if it is to meet "all clinical needs", according to Ritain's specialists in stomach.

At least a dozen drugs will needed to allow an excluded drug to be used for the exceptional patient, the British Society of Gastroenterology, which represents more than 1,300 specialists, said.

To produce an effective list, the Government will also have Britain's specialists in stomach

and gut disorders.

Even then an effective

To produce an effective list, the Government will also have to give way on its insistence that Even then an effective only non-brand named drugs appeals machinery will be will be permitted.



Airport boy goes home

Miloudi-al-Majdouli, aged 13 (nearest), who was found wandering alone at Heathrow airport last week reunited yesterday with his mother. Mrs Elkarira al-Majdouli and his younger brother Samir at the Moroccan embassy in London, before leaving for how in before leaving for home in

had travelled in the lavatory of a train from Paris to Geneva,

Refund after 21-year meter battle

By Tony Samstag

A family which queried every electricity bill for 21 years has been paid a refund of £1,400 because their meter was seeing double, the Eastern Electricity Board said yesterday.

Mr and Mrs Joe Lavers, of Stotfold, Hertfordshire, were also paid about £1,000 in interest and compensation after their meter was shown to be recording almost 104 per cent more power than was being

The Lavers began their correspondence with the board in 1963 when their first quarterly bill seemed excessive at £5 3s 5d for (£5.17 ½) for just over 12,000 units; by mid-1982, when the meter was found to be faulty, they were paying £175 for about the same amount of electricity.

Finally, after interventions

by BBC television's That's Life programme and by Mr Nicholas Lyell, Conservative MP for Bedfordshire Mid, an out-of-court settlement was agreed and the family received its cheque on Christmas eve. Mr Stanley Burgess, Chilterns area customer services manager for Eastern Elec-tricity, said yesterday: "This

situation is about as common as winning the first dividend on the football pools. The Lavers' consumption of electricity had seemed about average for their area, he added, and that was why the board had taken so long to test

in her 50s, disagreed. Gas supplied the household heat and hot water, and the family was cautious in its use of electric lights and appliances. It was only by chance that she learned that a test meter could be installed, and asked for one "for five or six years".

One of the first things Mrs Lavers proposes to do is to buy a new chest freezer to replace the smaller one she had bought in an effort to save electricity. to laugh or cry over the bill she received on Thursday demand-ing £185, based on readings from the old, faulty meter.

Eastern Electricity apologised for that one. It had not cleared the computer, they said.

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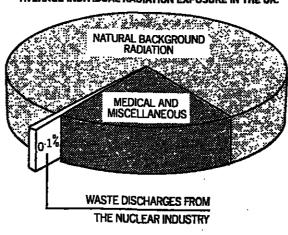
And now we have launched a £150 million project to get them down still further to the lowest practicable level.

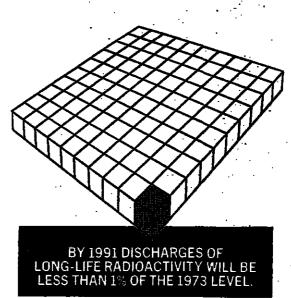
Over the next six years they will be cut back to 6% of what they are today in the case of long-life radioactivity, including plutonium, and to well below 1% of the peak level recorded in the early 1970's.

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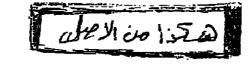
For most people the results will be of purely academic interest.

Most of the radiation exposure to the population of the United Kingdom comes from natural sources and medical applications.

The average exposure from the whole nuclear industry, including discharges from Sellafield, amounts to just one thousandth of the total.

For further information write to: Information Services, BNFL, Risley, Warrington, Cheshire WA3 6AS.





Jenkin would like to abandon targets

COUNCIL SPENDING

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Environment, was loudly cheered by both sides of the Commons when in opening a debate on the rate support grant for English local authorities, he said that he would like to be able to abandon targets and holdback on local

council spending.
Much depends (he said) on the level of local authorities' expendi-ture in 1985-86; and second, on the alternative pressures I can bring to bear to achieve delivery of the Government's public expenditure plans. I am considering this urgently, but there is nothing more I can say today on that. In my speech. am assuming that the target system has to be retained for 1986-87.

Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, C): support him strongly in his desire to abandon targets in 1986-87 and in the battle he may have with the Treasury, but if they are not abandoned or considerably relaxed. the situation in the shire counties will become impossible. Next year is going to be the crunch year.

Mr Jenkin: The more favourable targets which I have given low spending authorities for next year. 1985-86, have been made possible by the savings that are achieved from rate-capping the highest spenders. Rate-capping will con-tinue to produce savings in 1986-87 bring down the excessive spending levels of authorities selected for rate capping under the Rates Act.

spending authorities will beneatit from rate capping. They are going to next year, and we will want that to happen in the year following. Thanks to successive RSG

settlements and better management since 1979, the growth in spending has been cut back to below I per cent on average per year. Manpower levels had dropped by more than 4 per cent, it was right this pressure to control spending should be sus-

The people to gain form reining back expenditure growth had been the ratepayer, both householders and businesses. In each of the last five years, the average rate increase had fallen, despite the annual panic stories from Labour. Last year, the average rate increse was only 5.5 per

nt, the lowest for 10 years. In setting out the details of the Jenkin said the main interest lay in the report setting out the setllement for next year, 1985-86

Many low spending authorities had acknowledged that these targets were more favourable than the targets they had been set before. This year, 84 per cent of authorities were budgeting to spend within 2 per cent of their targets. With more realistic targets, he hoped that that figure would be even higher, so fewer ratepayers hear the cost of councils' overspending.
Higher current spending meant

higher rates, higher rutes meant lowr profits for industry, lower profits meant less investment, less investment meant fewer jobs.

equal responsibility, there would have been no need for the targets system. In the current year, the total overspend over targets was £850 million and threequarters of that came from 12 Labour-controlled

The total Exchequer grant in the seitlement was £11.8 billion which was about the same in cash as grant for the current year but represented a lower percentage of next year's planned expenditure: 48.7 per cent compared with 51.9 per cent.
In each year since 1979 when the
grant percentage had been reduced.

there had been scare stories of massive rate increases but, in fact, each time the average rate increase had been lower than it was in the previous year. Cutting grant per-

find economies in their spending.

Last year the Opposition had warned of steep rate increases but the aveage rate increase was 5.5 per cent, the lowest increase for 10

If local authorities budgeted to meet their targets next year, the average rate increase should be even lower than 5.5 per cent.

Changes made in grant related expenditure assessment this year represented real improvements to the fairness of GREAs overall and therefore in the fairness of the system of distribution of block grant. It could not be right to freeze all GREAs in their present form for all time simply because changes meant there would be losers as wells

A further important change for 1985/86 was to give more of the available grant to authorities available grant to authorities spending at or below CREA. The objective was to recongnize the achievements of low spenders.

This year 84 per cent of authorities were spending at or very close to target and they included authorities of all political colours. They had manged to do so without catastrophic service cut. The targets for next year were more favourable for most auth-

orities than this year. Doubtless



be a strategy

they would again be told of the services which had to be slashed but all the evidence suggested that was wild exaggeration. The targets were Ratecapping was introduced

deliberately to escape form the situation where responible lowspending councils had to make In setting out the details of the further cuts to compensate for the RSG reports before the House. Mr overspend of the irresponsible

Selection of 18 authorites for ratecapping next year (he went on) should mean that actual expenditure will be some £400 million lower than it would have been if they had continued on their rake's progress of squandering as they have done in

recent years. For 1985/86 I have used those savings to secure more favourable targets than ever before for lowspending authorities. I propose to continue to use them, to help owspenders in 1986-87 onwards.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on environment, said the last Labour Government had provided 61 per cent of the cash support for local councils. This Government had progressively reduced this to just 48.7 per cent.

The Secretary of State had never once mentioned the reduction in cash support and gave no indication that this was likely to cause problems and hardship for councils. This is a persistent and deliberate

act the added) of this Government. The reduction in cash support is the root cause of all the problems. It causes unemployment and undermines the quality of community and public services. The Prime Minister (Mrs

Thatcheri was never present to support Mr Jenkin on these occasions because she had comprehensively betraved the ratepayers by doubling rates and ratting on her twice-made progress to abolish rates

the appalling social and economic the appalling social and economic consequences resulting from Government policy. Millions more people face hardship, deprivation and poverty compared to 1979. No improvement in the management of services can hope to offset the combined effects of major increases in demand and the withdrawal by the Government since 1979 of 12 per cent of their finances in real

were other services. Redundancies occurred and vacancies were unfilled. These were in reality the aims of Government policy. Towns, cities and boroughs started to suffer

neglect.
Councils trying to respond to the legitimate aspirations of the people were not only penalizedd but subjected to petry abuse and vilification. Ministers and Tory MPs turned a blind eye to all the problems. Ministers also abused their own powers and acted unlawfully. The GLC for instance, had been deliberately and unlaw-fully robbed of £50m by the Secretary of State for Transport (Mr Nicholas Ridley).

Is he (Mr Cunningham asked) to be surcharged, removed from office? Neither does Mr Jenkin himself Neither does Mr Jenkin himself have a good record in this regard. He ignored his duties in regard to the Greater London development plan and when the courts found against him he ignored them, too, and changed the law.

It was squalid behaviour that Mr Jenkin should not tell the House about his assumptions in the application of a contemptuous and fundamentally important Act of The claim that the Rates Act was

designed to protect ratepayers had a hollow ring when contrasted with today's prosposal to reduce by £750 million the support the Govern-ment was providing for them. The claim about rate increases being in single figures ignored the impact of what he was doing. Mr Jenkin misled people too, when he pretended that rates could be held for jobs and services.

The effect of trebling penalties was punitive. For spending 1 per cent above an arbitrarily imposed ceiling, councils would be clob-

Ironically, the savage penalty increases would affect low spending councils worst of all. They would also further blur local accountability by making councillors determine policies not by assessing local needs and desires but by reference to the punitive extra cost enforced by central government.

The dubious use of grant related expenditure plumbed even new depths when ministers' manoeuverings over council housing finance, using the so-called E7 factor, came

Heath wants

to know

the strategy

If Mr Lawson, the Chancellor, had a strategy, it would be nice of him to

Edward Heath, the former Prime

Minister, declared when he inter-vened in yesterday's debate on

unemployment in which the Labour

Party, through its Deputy Leader.

Mr Roy Hattersley, called for more state spending on infrastructure

projects to reduce unemployment.

Mr Heath predicted that Mr Lawson would return empty handed from his visit to the United States.

strongly critical of the high budget deficit of the United States and also

urged that the United Kingdom

it to the Commons, Mr

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Conningham: Symptoms of political chicanery

ument. Grant related expendilure was not a test of needs.

All the symptoms of political chicanery and intellectual had been illustrated at their

would help the shire counties Berkshire had been mentioned as county given favourable treatment but in that very county there would be a loss of grant of over £10m next year for spending on target. That was how the shire counties had been If in 1985-86 shire counties spend

at their GREs they would lose £1.5 billion in grant penalties under the present system. That is a measure (he said) of the ferocity of this government's policies.

The gulf between the Labour Party view of these matters and Tory policies is vast and increasing.

We are concerned to enhance local democracy: the underlines them. We condemn this RSG report as mean. vindictive, biased and incompetent. It is typical of the

gerrymander philosophy which this Government has expressed throughout its local government policy. Mr David Howell (Guildford, C) said he was not against a strategy of reducing central government-tax-

payer support for local government spending, it was a worthy aim, But if reducing the grant support to local authorities over the years was to be the pattern, it must be done in line with a strategy. It was virtually impossible if it was done in the hiccup and sudden way it had been done in recent years.

Today they had a search for

overall fairness through a new form of grant-related expenditure calculations. They had only to look at it for a moment to see that it had some

We shall have no peace and no clear basis or feeling of fairness by local authorities, even the low spenders (he said) until a clearer strategy is established of the pattern of functions between local government and central government and how the rate support grant can fairly be reduced in line with the reduction of functions Mr Norman Atkinson Haringey, Lab) said that although the

Government constantly referred to the injustice in the system, it had made the injustices worse by its should join the European Monetary | European monetary system. There system. He bitterly complained that | were also times when Britain should

for more state spending to reduce unemployment was rejected by 383

votes to 182 - Government majority, 201, and the Government

amendment rejecting Labour's doctrinaire commitment to higher

'Generous George' suggests the way out

TEACHERS' PAY

by iar the most reasonance way to consider Scottish teachers pay was through the body set up to examine it. Mr George Younger, Scoretary of State for Scotland, told the Commons during Scottish ques-tions. He said he had disagreed with the method by which the teachers wanted their case considered.

But (he added) I pointed to a way forward by which all matters, including service conditions, can be looked into rather than bust up our children's education. We should take that way forward. He said he had written again on

January 8 to the teachers' side of the Scottish Joint Negotisting Com-mittee for teaching staff in inviting them to give further thought to his them to give number mought to his carlier proposal that it should carry out a detailed examination of salaries and conditions of service together. He understood the SINC had decided yesterday (Tuesday) to make a joint approach to him for a

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West Lab): The manner in which he seeks to set himself up as a "Generous George" is misplaced in relation to actuality. Under Mr Younger's adminis-

tration, teachers in Scotland have fallen far behind the level of pay they should expect. Is it not a farce to suggest that he or the Government have no responsibility for ensuring that teachers' pay keeps up with at least the level of inflation? Mr Younger had united the teaching forces against his Government.

Douglas' figures. While I fully appreciate that Scottish teachers feel strongly about what they see as injustices, they are complaining about them in the wrong way. By far about them in the wrong way. By 12r the most reasonable way to deal with it is to ask the body which was set up for precisely that reason to look into this.

look into this.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP): Is Mr Younger not surprised at the action of the Scottish teacher after ten years' crosion of salary levels and what they find is the fintility of dealing with him? Far from playing the role of "Generous George" he is playing that of "Generous Jaruzelski". One thing that is surprising is the forebearance of the teaching profession.

Mr Younger: Comparing Scottish Mr Younger: Comparing Scottish teachers' pay since 1979 with other

grades, they have had similar rates as local authority and civil servants. I have not turned down their complaints out of hand. Rather than disrupt our schools. I hope they take up my suggestion. Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee East, SNP) suggested that the reason why Mr Younger could not go ahead with public expenditure plans was

Mr Younger said the teachers' employers were in much the same position as any other employers in Britain and had to consider what was reasonable to give them. Mr Barry Henderson (North East

Fife. Lab) said the responsible settlement in Scotland last year should be fully taken into account.

this country giving up its indepen-

dent nuclear deterrent force after

discussions and negotiations at

which it was not present. On the

other hand, this country should be

in a position to reduce its weapons

when the time came and finally to

give them up when the time came

after negotiations and in agreement.

nay increase of teachers and MPs. Mr Younger said may be the hours worked should also be compared. Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said it was no good ministers deploring the damage which might come from industrial action when Mr Young-er's obstinancy lay at the root of the

Mr Younger's refusal to accept an independent pay review was a tacit acceptance that teachers' salaries had, fallen behind comparable grouping and did not measure up to responsibilities of the lob. If the Secretary of State was right in saying that teachers' had done

because of an instruction from the Treasury about the planned tax cuts

Stewart: Futility of dealing with minister

reasonably well out of recent pay negotiations, why was he frightened of an independent pay review or to

and difficulty?

He should reconsider his proposition that any salary uprating could be bought by teachers at the expense of their own terms and

conditions of employment. Mr Younger said he was glad to hear Mr Dewar saying critical things

about damage to the services because that seemed a deplorable I do hope (he continued) that we can have the interests of the schoolchildren in mind. Now I have

schoolenider in think town may agreed to meet the SING as they requested. I hope I can take it had disruption of schools will now stop at least until after the meeting. at least until after the meeting.

I wish to make plain yet again,
that though I might have done so. I
have not turned down the reachers
concerns out of hand. The
impression has been given that I

Mr Allen Stewart, Under Secretary of State for Scotland added later that it was ironic that the Educational Institute of Scott

speed up implementation of the standard grade but were sow disrupting the reforms widely agreed to be desirable in the interests of Scottish pupils. It was reasonable to link pay and conditions of service and that these

should be a review of both within the existing collective bargaining damage to the education of Scottles

pupils. (he said) but it cannot possibly do the case of the teachers

Geneva the first step on difficult road Lord Kennet (SDP) said there could Lord Brockway (Lab) said the favour of the Soviet Union. A

DISARMAMENT

The beginnings of a thaw in East-West relations which had been achieved at the recent disarmament apportunity to press home the need for all nations to join together in opposition to nuclear weapons, Lord Molloy (Lab) said in opening a debate in the House of Lords on the need for the Government to take the initiative in bringing forward new and realistic proposals for world disarmament.

It was no longer a question of war and peace, but about the entire future of the globe, he said. The world was moving rapidly towards a final thermo-nuclear war and the only escape was for the peoples of all nations to use their power and influence in unison. It could not be done by one people or one government it could be done only There was a greater enemy than

the Soviet Union and that enemy was inaction; disarmament had been talked about for years. I would be justifiably proud (he said) if the initial steps were taken by my

Why should we not begin, for example, by working for the creation of quite a narrow zone in central Europe free of nuclear and chemical weapons: a zone to be extended indepth as confidence

wise and specific policy make some contribution to disarmament in its

rates. British companies were not

investing in Britain but putting their money on deposit in search of high nterest rates in the United States. Other countries used their powers of intervention in the money marke effectively and selectively, but no continuously, at a time when they could get the speculators to burn their fingers. That was a technique to which this country must return.

They could not sit back and think the market would do everything for them. The international market was dominated by the United States regardless of everybody else's interests. The Chancellor would return empty-handed from Washington because the American

administration was not in a mood to run its policy in any other way and even if it wanted to, the American people would not let it. They were riding high, on a budget deficit of \$200 billion and a trade deficit of \$130 billion and rising.

Nothing the Chancellor had said today would give any hope to the nearly four million unemployed. all the conditions in the world now for such a treaty. Lord Chalfost (Ind) said it would be unwise of become too euphoric about the results of the meeting in Geneva: which was only a hesitant first step forward and within 24

Government should support a

treaty against the first use not only

of nuclear weapons but of conven-

tional weapons as well. There were

The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev hours the Soviet Union had announced conditions for the success of the talks including the Patrick Rodger, said the first word of the House to the Government should be one of encouragement not to be affined to persevere vigorously in the face of that kind of fatalism abandonment by the United States of its strategic defence initiative. which so easily overtook their contemporaries when the subject of Unilateral disarmament would be dangerous and destabalizing but world disarmament was discussed.

Just as (he said) the smallest equally dangerous would be nuclear disarmament in isolation from other forms of conventional arms trouble-maker and setting a match to the conflagration there is no nation so small that it could not by a and chemical weapons. Lord Graham of Edmonton, from

the Opposition front bench, said it was not surprising that after 40 years of the East and West glaring at each other there should suspicions on both sides. Lady Young Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said a nuclear freeze would would undermine and not increase security. The Government would be in favour of the principle of nuclear weapon free zones in altas where nuclear weapons were not yet a factor in the security balance Commitments on no first use of force already existed in the United

The fact that negotiations would

now re-open demonstrated that the firmness and political self-confi-dence of the Atlantic Allinace over past four years had paid off. But Geneva was only the first step on a long and difficult road. Pactioned and realism would be required. The key to success would be to find the right blend of imagination, common sense and respect for the legitimate security interests of East and West. The Government was deeply

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concerned at the growing threat to this country and its allies which was-posed by the Soviet chemical warfare capability. The answer was a negotiated world-wide ban. There was no truth in last week's allegation that the Government was perpetuate some important imbal- considering ances between East and West in cal weapons.

Bill gives leaseholders right to choose

INSURANCE

A Bill to give leaseholders a choice of insurance company with whom to insure their property was given a formal first reading, after being presented in the Commons by Mr. Robin Corbett (Birmingham, Endington, Lab).

He said that it would give leaseholders a choice of three companies and end the present ourrageous, unfair and extortionate practice which locked leaseholders into a long-term financial arrange r which denied them choice. He said that the present situation by which a freeholder could dictate

which company insured a property affected the leaseholders of 1,400,000 flats and houses in England and Wales, it was not always the case that the

One leaseholder had received a letter from the new owners of his freehold saying that they proposed to exercise their legal power to say which company should insure the property and adding that those who failed to carry out their direction would face proceedings for forfeit ure of the lease and payment of the

What made that high-handed action the more unacceptable was that the cost was 15p per £100 His Bill would help householders and encourage proper compension.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Debate on regional policy. Lords (3): Prosecution of Offence Bill, committee, first day.

Job outlook

People acquitted in JPs' courts 'should get costs'

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

whereby defendants acquitted in magistrates courts may be left to find the costs out of their own pockets should be ended by an amendment to the Prosecution of Offences Bill, the Law Society says today. In a briefing paper for peers

at the start of the Lord's committee stage considering the Bill, the society says that proposals redefining courts powers on the awarding of costs do not go far enough. Under the Bill both magistrates' courts and the Crown

court will be able to award costs

to aquitted defendants out of

central funds in indictable

(triable by jury) cases. But the same powers should apply to summary offences (triable only by magistrates). such as offences of criminal damage involving £200 or less. obstructions of, or assaults on, police officers, certain public order offences, common or

injustice aggravated assaults and many costs by the prosecution, there driving offences which can lead

to disqualification. As the law stands, the society says, courts can award costs only in the case of offences triable either only at the Crown court or by either Crown or magistrates' courts. But courts are reluctant to award costs

bringing proceedings. As a result, "a substantial injustice is often done to defendants who are acquitted and left to pay their own costs." it says. The defendant feels doubly aggrieved because he has been "through the trauma of proceedings leading to a criminal trial and has also had to pay the costs of successfully defend-

ing himself.

The problem is worse in the case of summary offences where legal aid is frequently refused, the society says. Where a court having is unwilling to order payment of police.

is a clear case for it having power to award costs out of central funds to a defendant acquitted in a summery offence

and the Bill presents "an

opportunity to remedy this injustice". Another "injustice" is that there is no power either under present law or in the Bill to against the prosecution unless it empower courts to award costs has obviously been at fault in from central funds to a defendant who successfully appeals to the Crown court against a conviction for a summary offence.

> The society makes several other suggestions to improve the Bill: in particular it suggests that the local Crown pros ecutors must be of sufficient status in order to be able to deal with the local chief constable on an equal footing; and that the prosecutors' independence must not be compromised through having to give advice to the

£4,000 fine

wich, Kent, was fined the maximum £4,000 at Warrington. Cheshire, vesterday after pleading guilty to two offences under the Asbestos Licensing

Mrs Brenda Power, chairman of the bench, said that supervision had been inadequate and no one could predict what future harm could have been caused to workmen or even residents near by.

ing to take adequate precautions to contain asbestos dust during demoltion work and failing to ensure that an employee was medically examined before working with asbestos.

Farmer who grew to welcome oil

land oil was found.

Nearly four years ago, oil was discovered underneath Mr Richard Porter's farm in north Hampshire. Had it been in the

There are three sites on his land, each of about two acres, and each of which will be occupied by eight pumps when the Humbly Grove field comes into full production.

But we knew the oil companies before were carrying out seismic surveys and they still are all over this part of England. "When they found oil, much to everyone's surprise, I decided I was better to co-operate than

after two engineers were killed

The well was secured and no

The explosion occured in a

I, which was drilling in the

Aberdeen. The rig operators,

Phillips Petroleum, said the

was very unpopular.

pollution reported.



Mr Richard Porter at his farm. Behind him, partly obscured by a fence, one of the oil wells sunk on his land and, right, an oil tank (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

"I lost my seat on the parish to say that that was the reason. but people started complaining about things - mud and hedgefirst", he says. "Nothing like trimmings on the road - which this had ever happened before, they never had bothered about

exploited, but at the same time they were all driving cars and had centrally-heated houses. to fight them. But I was very "We have had 100 per cent much a lone wolf and for a time liaison with the company and

known.
The dead were: Mr John

Crew taken off oil rig

Forty-six people were taken cause of the explosion was not aff a North Sea oil rig yesterday known.

work with. I would far rather work with them than with the gas or electricity boards." "I think part of the oppo-

sition may have been due to

jealousy. People thought that farmers were going to make a lot of money out of it. In fact Mr Porter has received nothing more than compensation for the small acreage of land on which he can

annual rent determined on its agricultural value.

In return he has an improved road, which people use to cross the bulldozers.

what was formerly his private domain. "What price do you pay for privacy!" he asks. The pumping sites, with their incipient screens of trees and bushes, are already encouraging wildlife, he says; on a typical

summer morning there may be

as many as 30 partridges, and there are more hares Local residents have now come to terms with the fact that there is little to fear, he adds. There used to be oproar at

He said: "I was offered police

Mr Chapman denies three charges of handling ammunition stolen from the Royal-Ordnance factory at Radway

better for graduates By Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent

Job prospects for graduates this year are good, better than at any time in the past four years. eccording to the three organizations concerned with graduate appointments.

They say that employers are looking for more graduates this year than last, and that in some areas demand is 20 per cent higher than in 1984. The shortage of graduates in electronics continues to cause concern. The Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services, the Central Services Unit for Careers and Appointments Services and the Standing Conference of Employers of

big and growing demand for graduates in computer-related activities, The demand is for computer scientists and, even more, for graduates from many academic

Graduates says that there is a

disciplines. The three bodies say more employers are seeking graduates from any academic discipline. For the first time for more than two decades, there will be only a small increase in the number of

students graduating.
At the same time the number of graduates still seeking work at the end of 1984 was likely to be smaller than the number in 1983. The present demand for graduates who are immediated available is about 70 per con-higher than at this time less.

Royal present

-Car. ...

A small, illustrated copy of Browning's The Pled Piper Hamelin. produced in clinion of 12 in 1898, for Quel Victoria to give to her children, has sold at South

Shopper's £3,000 award after arrest by staff

yesterday told to pay maximum damages of £3,000, to Mr Henry Sampson for putting him through "frighteningexperience".
Liverpool County Court was

Churchill issue

A special reprint edition of The

Bailey. London EC99

Times of January 25, 1965, officially goes on sale today. It announces the death of Sir Winston Churchill, which occurred the previous day; 20 years ago this coming January It costs 75p from news agents and is also available direct from The Day it Happened, PO Box 222, 7/10

4AH, price £1 (inc p &p).

4 Merseyside company was told that Mr Sampson, aged 45. was stopped after he and a friend had passed through the checkout in Leo's Superstore. Birkenhead.

A security guard twisted his arm up his back and dragged him into an office, he said. When he tried to leave his path was blocked, and staff held him for 45 miutes until the police arrived.

It took the jury less than 30

minutes to decide that Mr

Sampson, who runs a breakdown recovery service, had been assaulted and falsely arrested and detained. The shop owners, Co-operative Retail Services, were ordered to pay the damages and interest from September last year when

the civil proceedings began.

for asbestos offences

A demolition company. Brown and Mason, of Sand-Regulations.

The company admitted fail-

government spending and endorsing Government policy was carried by 353 votes to 200 - Government majority 153. Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats said the Lawson style was a strange mixture of insouciance, indifference, intransigence and then sheer incompetence. It was on the last that they indicted the Chancellor today.

It was difficult to balance an industrial economy without a greater degree of stability in the exchange rate. There was a lot that Europe should be telling the US about dealing with the strengthening of the dollar. He asked why Mr Lawson refused to gain the added strength of the

should join the European monthly system. He bitterly complained that Britain and the whole of Europe was be prepared to intervene in oil pricing. Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sideup, C) said he was an avowed advocate of what the Chancellor described as voodoo witcheraft. He regarded the present level of unemployment as appalling the situation north of Watford was

Public investment had a major part to play in dealing with unemployment. The Chancellor would not have expected him to be convinced by anything he had to say, Public opinion showed itself as giving priority to dealing with unemployment before dealing with

tax cuts. Provision of infrastructure to improve opportunities for private enterprise was a responsibility of privatized. The Government should carry out that responsibility.

There was a danger that British savings were drained across the Atlantic in search of high interest

In the picturesque and England, onshore oil discoveries are becoming an important political and environmental issue. JOHN YOUNG, Agricultural Correspondent, talks to a farmer under whose

United States, he would have become a millionaire overnight, in Britain all mineral royalties accrue to the Crown. But far from feeling resentful Mr Porter seems eminently happy with his new tenant, the oil company, Carless Capel.

"Of course I had quaims at

The general public in my opinion took a very narrow view. They did not want the ail

no longer grow crops, and an agricultural value.

ammunition ...

and two crewmen injured in an Traut. aged 33, from California, explosion on Tuesday night, the chief engineer and Mr Mark Paradiso, aged 23, from New Jersey, an assistant engineer.
Mr Otto Brandt, aged 28, pump room of the Glomar Artic from Texas, was released from Aberdeen Royal Infirmary but Staffordshire police constable, is Joanne field 145 miles off Mr Michael Simpson, aged 27. on trial at Chester Crown Court from Leicester, was detained for accused of receiving stolen

Court told of 'sick joke'

Anthony Chapman, aged 39, an arms dealer, of Foundry Square, Norion Green, Stokeon-Trent, Staffordshire, told a court yesterday that he treated as a "sick joke" claims by the Ministry of Defence police that he had links with the IRA Mr Chapman, a former

and other dealers."

rotection and a new identity if co-operated and said what they wanted to be said about the IRA. I treated it as a sick joke. I only supplied shooting clubs

Green, near Crewe in Cheshire. The trial continues today.

New and rare infections in Britain, including Aids, Legion-naires' disease and Lassa fever. are posing increasing hazards to public health, while the number of specialists who can deal with them is declining, according to a report published this week.

At any time, 20 per cent of ospital patients in England and Vales are suffering from infecions, half of which are acquired in hospital. But there are only 44 consultants in infection, and only eight in tropical medicine throughout Britain, the Royal College of Physicians of London says in the report, which appears in the January issue of

It adds: "Most specialists in community medicine today have little or no training or experience in infectious diseases and tropical medicine, and yet are faced with grave responsibility when outbreaks of infec- equate", and the fact that there tion occur in the community or

The hospital infections are particular concern among certain groups of patients, including the newborn, the elderly, those undergoing major surgery and requiring intensive care, and transplant increased from the present patients who are receiving figure to between 60 to 70, and immunosuppressive drugs, the

college says. "Increasingly, such infections infections, including parasitic are caused by less common diseases. organisms which are frequently resistant to standard antibiotics.
"In addition, hitherto unre-

cognized infections such as Legionnaires' disease and the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids) are constantly emerging and posing new diagnostic and therapeutic

An increase in imported infections has been caused by the "enormous escalation in air travel", the college says, and

Syndrome (Aids) is a disease, transmitted through contami-nated blood, and other body fluids, which attacks the central nervous system. In the United States, 3,687 of the known sufferers have died. In

Although scientists Europe and America have identified a virus, known as HTLV-III, as the probable the factors associated with it are unknown, and no effective

In Britain, all cases known to doctors are registered by the veillance Centre at Colindale, north London.

staff in parasitology is "inadare so few paediatricians in Britain with a special interes and training in infection is "a matter of concern", according to the report,

The College recommends that the number of infectious diseases physicians should be that they should be trained in the management of imported

smaller hospitals might have a post serving two special interests, such as respiratory medicine and infection, or immunology and infection. A few such posts already exist. The number of paediatricians with special interest and training in infection should also be

Future consultant staffing communicable and tropical disease: sometimes, as with Lassa fever, there are "onerous public health implications."

The training of microbiology

To college says, and sometimes, as with Lassa fever, physicians of London, The Royal College of Physicians, 1! St Andrew's Place. Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE.

books tax

lation about value-added tax

being imposed on books and

by the Government."

journals "has not been inspired

Lord Flowers, chairman of

the Committee of Vice-Chan-

cellors and Principals; Sir

Andrew Huxley, president of

the Royal Society, and Pro-fessor Owen Chadwick, presi-

dent of the British Academy,

wrote to Mrs Margaret Thatcher

expressing "deep concern" Mrs Thatcher replied that

although the Government

favoured a shift from taxes on

earnings to taxes on spending, "we have no set views at present on how this might best

Miss Janice Reid, who was living with Mr David Wilkie,

the taxi driver who was killed taking a miner to work, gave

birth to his son at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff on Tuesday.

Hundreds of pounds of

damage was caused when vandals smashed eight statues of saints and angels at Carfin Grotto, Lanarkshire.

Store expansion

Fine Fare, the supermarket

chain is to open nine new shops in

Shrine attack

Cabbie's son

"deep concern"

SDLP seeks 'No decision changes in court ritual

From Richard Ford Belfast

Sweeping changes in the practices and symbols of Northern Ireland's courts are reccratic and Labour Party document. It is bound to anger unionists as it proposes remov-ing references to the Crown and Ulster Constabulary.

The changes, suggested in a paper to be discussed at the party's annual conference. would end symbols and practices which the document describes as reflecting the unionist ethos" of the court.

If the changes were implemented the party argues, it would help to restore the nationalist community's confi-

dence
The party is critical of the use of informers, plastic bullets and the operation of the police authority and the complaints procedure.

It says, that the composition of the judiciary, with 17 members drawn from the Protestant-Unionist tradition and only three from the Catholic-Nationalist tradition,

is hardly balanced
Arguing that addressing
magistrates and judges as "My
Lord" and "Your Honour" is seen by nationalists as having a ring of British Colonialism, it suggests that in the province they should be addressed simply as "judge" and "Mr/ Madam magistrate".

Scotland next year, creating about 1,500 new jobs. Heart repair hope for girl

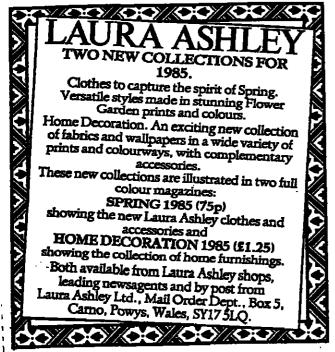
The Australian girl whose The hospital said yesterda father robbed a McDonald's that detailed heart X-ray photo

have a heart and lung transplant may instead undergo an operation to repair her heart.

Doctors at the National Heart Hospital in London have been carrying out extensive tests on Brooke Matthews, aged five during the past week.

The hospital said yesterday hamburger bar to pay for her to have a heart and lung transplant may instead undergo an operation to repair her heart.

The transplant distribution of the part of



Too few experts | Changing the face of Whitehall to meet needs of government

Programme will cost more than £100m

By Charles Knevitt

After 20 years of debate, indecision and blight, White-ball is gradually being rebuilt as the home of government. By the time the current programme of new building, restoration and repair is complete at the turn of the century, the final bill will be well in excess of £100

Work is being organized by the Whitehall Co-ordination Committee of the Property Sevices Agency, part of the Department of the Environment. Mr Colin Pain, assista director of the agency's London region, describes its role as looking at the rationalization, ment and redevelopment of the area, a process which involves the location of people in government depart-ments, as much as the physical state of the property portfolio.

At the Foreign and Common-wealth office a £4.5 million first phase contract of a five-phase refurbishment plan has begun, that is on top of £5.5 million which was spent three years ago after the Home Office ed out. Across the road on the other side of the Cenotaph. more than £28 million is being spent on rebuilding Richmon Terrace as the probable home of the Overseas Development



new buildings designed by him (right of centre).

On the neighbouring Bridge Street site, Sir Hugh Casson is providing a new House of Commons library and MPs ofices behind the listed facades on Parliament Street, in the first of a two-phase plan. If all the approvals are obtained, the £16 million phase one scheme will be completed by 1990.

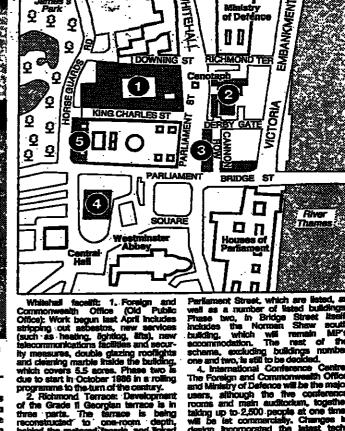
building, so far as public and

£44 million International Conference Centre in Broad Sanctuary, opposite Westminster Abbey, due for completion

In addition to the rebuilding and refurbishment, the rolling also at the half-way stage, at undisclosed cost, with the east

Victoria Tower due for com-pletion within five years. Gone are the two ambitious plans for MPs' accommodation in new buildings on Bridge Street, contained in the Robin

saunas, restaurants and a roof garden; and Sir Hugh's earlier (1978) scheme, for a £119 million building for the same



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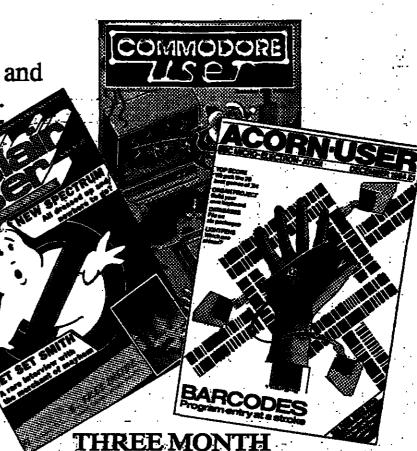
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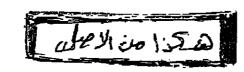
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The Popieluszko murder trial

Secret policemen tell of meetings to rid Poland of 'troublesome priests'

murder of Father Jerzy Pople- a number of the crucial police luszko that the Solidarity priest officers concerned with church should be thrown out of a affairs gathered in the Interior moving train "to frighten him a Ministry in Warsaw's Rakowie

The court in Torun, where church-state relations as two witnesses described the various office conferences about how to rid the country of "troublesame priests". The two witnesses were police officers who coordinated with their colleagues in the secret police to initiate joint action against Father Popie-

As the main witness, Mr Leszek Wolski (rank unstated, but believed to be a major) started to describe his work, it became apparent that the mild skirmishing between lawyers of the Popieluszko family and Judge Artur Jujawa, the principal judge, is threatening to become a major source of conflict. perhaps undermining the credibility of the show trial.

The family lawyers are clearly trying to demonstrate the innocence of the murdered priest, while Mr Kujawa, in politically weighted asides and over-rulings, is displaying his Communist Party affiliations.

"The trial is worthy of Katka," one courtroom ob-

an angry, frustrated mood, seems as if the victim in in the a secret police officer told his dock."

Ten days before the murder of Father level before the murder of Father leve

bit", a Polish court was told cka Street. They included resterday. Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, in the dock as the acknowledge four Polish secret police agents operational leader of the kidare on trial for their lives, nap. Mr Wolski and their gleaned remarkable insights respective deputies. Mr Janusz into the practical workings of Drozdz and Mr Jozef Baczynsrespective deputies. Mr Janusz ki. They gathered in the ante-room of the deputy director of church-monitoring. Colonel Adam Pietruszka, charged with complicity in the murder of the

> Mr Baczynski testified yesterday that Piotrowski has said: "We might frighten Popieluszko a bit and throw him out of a train'. His mood seemed to be angry, irritated, he was speaking out of dislike for the priest . . . I remember piotrowski saying: 'there are certain pressures on us from the top'." Wolski and Piotrowski then went into Colonel Pietruszka's office.

> "Pietruszka seemed 10 be dissatisfied and said police action should be accelerated, that the priest should be watched and followed, said Mr Baczynski. Neither he Nor Mr Wolski has the impression that Pietruszka was authorizing

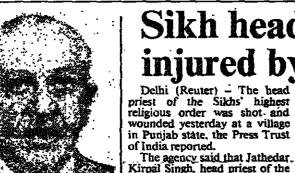
> Yes, Said Mr Wolski, Pietruszka had talked of frightening Father Popieluszko but he

would compromise him." Mr Wolski conceded that it was his and Captain Piotrowski's idea that Father Popieluszko should be singled out.

Piotrowski, who sits on the wooden benches under guard close to his co-defendants. Lieutenants Leszek Pekala and Waldemar Chmielewsi and Colonel Pietruszka, laughed, scratched, inspected his nails, simulated indifference as the two witnesses described his anger with Father Popieluszko. But the judge reserved his

most obvious displeasure for Father Popieluszko's three lawyers, who are tried and tested defence counsel of Solidarity activists. Mr Jan Olszewski had to ask simple questions such as "Did you issue orders to follow Popie-luszko in writing or orally" several times and never received a clear answer. One lawyer asked if Mr Wolski had ever attended one of Father Jerzy's Masses and whether he had ever heard the priest appeal as he did frequently -Solidarity supporters to take down their banners.

"I am sure the banners did not bear quotations from the Bible", interrupted the judge. The lawyers rephrased the question, "I can see no need for you to ask that question", said the judge, " and if you persist in doing so I will deprive you of



Unity call to Warsaw Pact states

Tass reported a speech given in Warsaw by Mr Viktor Grishin, the Moscow City Communist Party chief, to an audience including delegations from other Eastern bloc coun-

historic mission.

cohesion, our fraternal fighting alliance, the more reliable, the firmer the cause of peace and of preventing war," he said, a gala session of the Warsaw Council

Sofia in the Bulgarian capital. A brief announcement issued late on Monday said it had been postponed indefinitely, but gave

Ottawa - The Canadian ance bureau and the Australian External Affairs Minister, Mr Wheat Board. The bureau Joe Clark, will visit the Soviet commissioned the Wheat Board Union in the first week of April

competitiveness and their stable

supply is assured.

Sikh head priest is injured by gunmen

Temple, was hit by six bullets fired by three youths near the town of Ludhiana

headquarters, was badly dam-PTI said three youths riding a place.

motor cycle followed the priest's vehicle and fired as he other passengers were injured. Senior Sikh religious and political leaders in Punjab have

Ethiopians

impounded

relief ship

From a Correspondent

Melbourne

ister Mr Bill Hayden, is making

urgent representations to Ethio-

pia over the impounding of an Australian relief vessel at Port

The ship, the Golden Ven-

ture, was carrying 9,500 tonnes

of wheat, a water drilling rig milk powder, biscuits, lorries

medicine and blankets, but 6,000 tonnes of the wheat and the drilling rig were intended for rebel-held areas of Eritrea and

in Canberra, the Foreign

Affairs Department has laun

ched an investigation to find

out what went wrong and how

the Ethiopian Government

learnt what was on the ship. the

Ethiopians have previously turned a blind eye to famine

relief being sent to the rebel

provinces by some Western governments through Port Sudan in Sudan.

A row is browing between the Australian Development Assist-

to handle the shipping arrange-

find out what went wrong,

ments and officials are trying to

The Australian Foreign Min

power soon after his mother was assassinated by two Sikh The agency said that Jathedar
Kirpal Singh, head priest of the
Akal Takht in Amritsar Golden

October 31, has
given top priority to a solution
to Punjab discord. given top priority to a solution to Punjab discord.

aged in June when Indian have said measures must be troops stormed the shrine to taken to protect lives and property of Sikhs before any an independent Sikh nation.

Mrs Gandhi's murder set off Sikhs, were killed.

Indo-Pakistan battle, page 8 per cent.

Offbeat welcome: Sir Georg Solti, conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, greeted by a Hamburg jazz quintet yesterday at the start of a tour which will include the Times Bicentenary concert at the Royal Festival Hall on January 31.

Jamaican snipers take on troops

Kingston, Jamaica (AP) -Snipers and stone-throwers harassed police and soldiers overnight and early yesterday as they tried to clear roadblocks put up by demonstrators protesting against increased fuel prices. At least three people were killed in violence

Winter is the peak tourist time in Jamaica, but the authorities said none of the estimated 12,000 foreign visitors in the island was reported to have been injured in any of the disturbances on Tuesday. The police said the situation in most tourist resorts was close

They said police officers killed one man in Kingston after he fired on police at a roadblock and a motorist in Kingston was shot and killed by someone in another car. A third man was killed by shots fired from a van in Maypen, 30 miles north-west of Kingston, police said.

Unconfirmed reports said as many as six people had been killed and several others were in hospital, including a small girl hit by stones at a

A police officer in Kingston, said yesterday that hundreds of people had spent the night at police stations because they were unable to get home.

Prices for food and most other items have been doubled and tripled in the past two years, and Mr Seaga, seeking to win approval for favourable loan terms from the international lenders for Jamaica. has raised taxes and laid off Unemployment is more than 25

Reluctant Gibraltar votes to give rights to Spaniards

From Richard Wigg, Gibraltar

The Government empha-

Spaniards will swamp Gib-

employed trades move in from

next month. The Government

dismissed such fears as exagger-

Many Gibraltarians believe dependant territory of Denmark, and leave the EEC. will end Spain's blockade of the The Bill will allow entry and rock will mean they have to residence by Spaniards, land make concessions to precisely purchase, setting up businesses. the people who for 20 years made life difficult for them. dent, and emergency medical Gibraltar's Parliament, by questions. Spain is to give equivalent rights to Gibralta-

eight votes to seven, gave reluctant approval yesterday to a bill to bring forward Spaniards' EEC rights when the frontier opens on February 5. The committee stage and the third reading were passed later, the Opposition boycotting the

Sir Joshua Hassan's Government argued that, since sovereignty is "a totally unrelated question", Gibraltarians should seize the potential advantage of an open border one year before Spain's anticipated entry into

the EEC

But the Socialist Opposition, led by Mr Joe Bossano, challenged the Government to hold an election on the issue. Calling the Bill a "disaster", one apposition MP recommended that the Rock should follow

Vote angers

member's bill on "who is a

The Bill was designed to deny

application of the Law of the

Return to proselytes converted

by non-orthodox rabbis. The 1950 law recognizes the intrin-sic right of all Jews to live in

Israel and to acquire instant

In practice, the proposed amendment was expected to affect a small number of potential immigrants but non-

orthodox rabbis said that its adoption by Parliament would

be regarded by conservative and

reform lews, the overwhelming

majority, as a negation of their

legitimacy as Jews. Rabbis in the United States said there was

likely to be a grass-roots move

to divert financial and political-

efforts on behalf of Israel to

angered by the defeat of the Bill

yesterday and deputia the Shas (Sephardi Torah Guardians)

and Morasha parties talked of

The defection of religious

parties from the coalition would not bring down the National

Unity Government, which has

an overwhelming majority in

The Government did not

take a stand on the issue. In the

vote. Labour with one excep-

fighting this slur.
Religious hardliners

leaving the coalition.

Parliament:

citizenship on arrival.

Mr Bossano called the Bill "the most shameful piece of legislation ever presented to Gibraltar's House o Assembly".

Mr Adolfo Canapa. deputy Chief Minister, former eignty, he declare opponent of rapprochement, at one on that".

Greenland's example as a said a partly opened frontier with Spain was not tenable. Gibraltar would keep in step with Britain and Spain deciding the future of the Rock over Gibraltarian heads.

Mr Canepa, who will be accompanying Sir Joshua to London immediately before Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, meets Senor Fernando Moran in Geneva on the sized that free movement of opening was more outspoken. labour would only come in, as in any other Community He invoked the possibility of a country, seven years after entry. But the Opposition believe that Northern Ireland situation with Britain taking direct responsi-bility, if Gibraltarians got too raltar's tiny public health service when those in selffar out of line.

A petition with more than 5,400 Gibraltarians' signatures, was handed in before the debate by five secondary schoolchildren, asking Parliament to turn down the Bill.

rians would be forced into unique special relationship with Spain, Sir Joshua rejected the link between implementation the and sovereignty. On sover-mer eignty, he declared: "We are all

Police deny Nkomo was Knesset shot at in mob attack From Jan Raath, Harare

Police said vesterday that no shots were fired at the vehicle was heard. In the House of earnying Mr Joshua Nkomo, the carrying Mr Joshua Nkomo of Zimbabwe, a man he was attacked by a mob on he was attacked by a mob on Friday last week in Masvingo.

A statement in Harare police reports that no gunfire was heard. In the House of carrying Mr Joshua Nkomo of being a liar.

Meanwhile, in Matabeleland North in the west of Zimbabwe, anti-government guerrillas on Monday killed their first victim this year. Police said Mr

had cartied out investigations into the dents and broken windows of Mr Nkomo's armour-plated car. The damage was caused by stones or bricks, but not by bullets, the police said. Bystanders said spears

were also used. Mr Nkomo claimed he saw pistols and automatic rifles being fired when the mob of supporters of the ruling Zanu (PF) party attacked the vehicle. Independent sources who witnessed the scene confirmed Zapu has influence.

Michael Sibanda, the district chairman of Nkayi district, was bayoneted and then shot three times at Hlangahani in Nkayi district

The killing followed a series of rallies in the area on Sunday, where Zanu (PF) Politburo members campaigned for support in a Zapu stronghold. Last year, guerrillas killed 27 civilians, according to police reports. Fourteen were officials of Zanu (PF) in areas where

Philippines cure sought

From Keith Dalton, Manila A comprehensive political and social programme, includ-ing greater military discipline and training, is needed to tackle news agency PNA quoted Mr

the growing communist insur-gency in the philippines, a senior US official said yester-Speaking at the end of a three-day visit here, Mr Paul Wolfowitz, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said President

Marcos, who is reported to be in por health, "seems to be functioning effectively". He met the president for 90

minutes and presented a letter from President Reagan. The state-run Philippine

Reagan as saving in the letter that his administration strongly

supported efforts by President Marcos working with the filipinos of moderate political views, to revitalize and strengthen your democratic institutions". Observers saw this as reflect-

ing Washington's wish for a reconsiliation between President Marcos and his opponents

Clarifying earlier comments that fundamental reforms were necessary in the armed forces, Mr Wolfowitz said an essential need was to strengthen military discipline and training

Bush fires are Run of draws contained continues after five die in world chess Melbourne - Firefighters in Moscow (AP) - The World

yesterday appeared to be win-ning the battle against the bush fires which have killed five people in two days (a correspon-

Only 10 fires are still causing any worry, the main one near Bright in the Victoria Alps which is burning its way through inaccessible forest through inaccessible fanned by fierce winds.

A farmer, aged 25. became the fourth victim when he died in hospital in Ballarat. The fifth is believed to be a firefighter. Outbreaks had been con-

tained yesterday in South Australia, but firefighters were trying to control lires in parts of New South Wales and Victoria. Forty-second game White, Kasparov, Black Karpov Queen's Gambit declined

Chess Champion, Anatoly Karpov and his challenger, Gary Kasparov, playing white, agreed to a draw after the 26th

move in the 42nd game of their world championship contest

here yesterday, Karpov, who leads 5-1, will play white when

play resumes tomorrow.

Moscow (Reuter) - US report of an interview with intelligence services were accused by Tass yesterday of defected from Afghanisian to who were offered a new life in the West if they backed it did not say will invented "alrocity" stories.

of his own free will, it did not say will ment was metered

It did not say what punishment was metered out to Mr Ryzhkov, who returned in December

Two die as gas blast wrecks row of houses

Brussels (Reuter) - Rescue workers removed the bodies of three-year-old child and an elderly woman from the rubble of a row of houses blown up in a gas blast yesterday, but police said that the death roll could

"It's a miracle. People were literally blown out of their bells on to the street, then got up and walked away," one officer said.

Five people and one fireman were injured in the explosion which ripped through four houses and set two neighbourhood homes ablaze in the Evere district of Brussels. The blast shattered most windows and destroyed many cars in the

Women killed by their dogs

Bonn (AFP) - Dogs driven is fury by intense cold attacked killed two women, police reported from Bonn and Hanover. The first victim was aged 26 and died while taking her uncle's alsatian for a walk although he had warned her that the dog was always upen by ice and snow.

The second to die was aged 80. She was attacked by her 18 starving greyhounds which partly devoured her body in a house where the temperate

Hollywood gays given a sign

West Hollywood: California (Reuter) - A sign saving "Fagots Stay Out", hanging behind the bar in Barney's Beanery for more than 50 years was removed to comply with a new

West Hollywood is the first US city to have a council controlled by homosexuals. Fagots was spelled with one "g" and the owner maintained it meant only bundles of wood.

Paper angry at Vatican ban

Rome (AP) - The Rome newspaper La Repubblica de-nounced as punative and discriminatory the Vatican's decision to prevent its religious writer from travelling on the papal plane during the Pope's forthcoming South American tour.

The Vatican in an unpre-cedented action, demand that the writer give up his seat after an article headlined. This Pope

Helicopter kills seven on ship

Force helicopter sent to evacu-ate a sick British seaman from a merchant ship crashed on the vessel, killing six of the crew and leaving a seventh missing and presumed dead.

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The crash started a fire on board the Asian Beauty, a Panamanian registered vessel, as the ship was 540 nautical miles north of here.

Landowner free

Buenos Aires (Reuter) - An Argentine landowner, Senor Ricardo Lanusse, a cousin of former President Alejandro Lanusse, was released un-harmed after being held by kidnappers for 10 days. It was not immediately clear whether a ransom was paid.

BBC accused

Lusaka - Dr Jonks Savimbi. the Unita leader, accused the BBC of deliberately slandering his movement especially over the scizure of hostages. He said British, Filipino and other hostages would be handed over to the South African Red Cross.

Bhopal ruling

Bhopal (Reuter) - Union Carbide will never be allowed to re-open its plant in the central Indian city of Bhopal, where a gas leak killed 2,500 people. Mr Arjun Sungh, the state's Chief Minister, said. Cyanide theory, page 12

Israel's guest Bonn (Reuter) - President Richard von Weizsicker of West Germany will pay the first visit to Israel by a West German head of state, the Government announced. No date has been

Six for one

Moscow (Reuter) - The Soviet Union launched six satellites from one payload rocket. Tass reported it said the satellites were intended to study outer space but did not elaborate.

Pipeline open

Ankara (Reuter) - Iraq and Turkey are seeking finance for new \$500 milion (about £450 million) oil pipeline from frantifields to Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

\$10,000 joke

St Paul, Minnesota (AFP) - A St Paul, Minnesom (AFP)—A woman who said she thought she was going to die after a passenger used an airline loudspeaker system to an nounce, jokingly that the plane was going to make a crash-landing has been awarded \$10,000 (about £9,000) in damage against Air California said the passenger.

Mr Grishin: In search of

Soviet official called vesterday for more cohesion and unity in the Warsaw Pact, two days after a meeting of alliance leaders was suddenly postponed.

tries.

Mr Grishin, aged 70, said the

seven-member military alliance, which celebrates its 30th anniversary in May, was called on to fulfil what he described as its The stronger our untiv and

to celebrate the 40 anniversary of the Polish capital's liberation His speech came the day after the Warsaw Pact was to have begun a summit meeting in

Western diplomats have said they could think of no other reason for the sudden move than a turn for the worse in the health of President Konstantin

Moscow date

for talks with the Soviet Foreign-Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko.

to promise too much From a Correspondent, Melbourne

Nakasone takes care not

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone is supply from Australia and we striding the world's political shall have to import the stage like no other Japanese Prime Minister before him and he said. he has also proved adept at learning his lines. After two days of talks in Pressed to give a specific undertaking that the Australian experience on beef (US pro-Canberra, there is still some doubt as to what the Japanese ducers got a greater share at the have promised on the future of four-year quotas) would not be repeated on coal, Mr Nakasone trade between the two countries.
Mr Nakasone repeated a pledge made last February that Japan would not allow the said Japan had recieved offers from other countries for coal but had made its "best efforts'

to live up to its word that Australia would not be sacrieconomic demands of other countries, mainly the US, to interfere with the level of trade. Unfortunately for Mr Hawke with Australia, but then qualithe visitor's programme in New fied that by saying that "min-South Wales had to be re-areral and agricultural supplies to ranged because of a train strike Japan will not decline as long as in the Hunter Valley, which has these products maintain their

hit coal supplies to Japan. At an official dinner for the There are strikes on the Japanese party. Mr Hawke's Australian side and at times main theme was the need for there might be a shortage of nuclear disarmament.

Delhi (Reuter) - The head condemned the attack as an act priest of the Sikhs' highest of cowardice. religious order was shot and The Prime Minister. Mr

The Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, who came to

Several Sikh leaders have welcomed the Gandhi initiative The Akal Takht, the Sikh after his landslide election victory last mouth, but they

Bonn to join European and US space projects

From Michael Binyon, Bonn Faced with the dilemma on whether to participate in the American manned space station project or the European Arianc programme, the West German Cabinet yesterday decided to take part in both. The cost to the taxpayer until 1995 is would be developed in West cstimated at around DM4,500 Germany and then tested in million (£1,250 million).

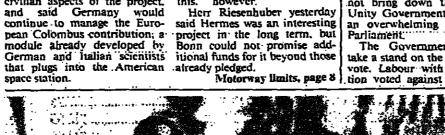
Herr Heinz Riesenhuber, the Minister of Research, who was understood to have doubts over the space station project, said that the decision to join the American programme, which provides for a permanently manned space station, laid down the basis for wide-ranging transatlantic co-operation in

He underlined the purely civilian aspects of the project. and said Germany would continue to manage the Euro-pean Colombus contribution; a module already developed by German and Italian scientists

The space station would be used for scientific work and unmanned platforms were planned which would be able to support automated-experimental installations and observatories. A prototype platform would be developed in West

Paris has been pressing Bonn hard to play a big role in the European Space Agency, half of whose costs are paid by the two countries. The French want to develop a small manned spacecrast Hermes, which they say would be essential as a supply vehicle for the European component of the American station. Bonn and other Space Agency members have been stalling on

this, however. Herr Riesenhuber yesterday said Hermes was an interesting project in the long term, but Bonn could not promise additional funds for it beyond those





Presidential pair: Mr Mubarak (right) and Mr Karamanlis inspecting a guard of honour at Athens airport vesterday.

Mubarak seeks to end Greek bias President Mubarak Egypt arrived here yesterday on a brief state visit to discuss bilateral relations at a time Greece is showing bias in favour of the so-called rejectio-nist Arab states which antago-

nize Cairo. Greece announced a few days ago that it was selling Libya. Egypt's neighbour, military equipment worth \$500 million (£440 million) over the next three years,

Although Greece assembles.

under licence, French missile

From Mario Modian's Athens guaboats. Austrian armoured troop carries, German antiaircraft guns, and various small arms and ammunition, Western diplomats here expressed doubts that the Greek defence industry can handle an order of that size. Mr Mubarak's host in Greece, President Karamanlis, is known to share his aversion

for Libya's policies and practices, particularly harbouring international terrorists. This is one of the reasons why strict security measures

were adopted to protect President Muharak during his 36hour stay in Athens which is regarded as the European capital in which Arab terrorists can move and operate with relative case. Mr Andreas Papandreon,

the Prime Minister, has had to give up his own office at the Maximos Mansion to the Egyptian leader. The residence, next to Mr Karamanlis's presidential palace where most functions take place, has been cordoned off by police.

Afghan bribery claimed

The Soviet news agency

paying Aighan rebels to hand the United States but later over captured Soviet soldiers returned to Moscow, apparently

Mafia accused of milking millions from EEC in big farming fraud

The Mafia is extracting figures involved. Two British millions of pounds from the MEPs who had been involved Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday by Signor Pancazio de Pasquale, a Sicilian Communist MEP.

people he knew had stood up against the Mafia and had been yards from his house in Sicily. That was a danger he had to live with, he admitted. It had money.

promise from Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, speaking for the European Commission, of a full-scale investigation into what is happening to EEC funds sent to Italy. If that fails, then the Parliament means to set up its own commission of inquiry.

According to Court of Auditors, was sent to Scirily to investigate the olive oil sector. According to Mr Battersby, he was run over in a Messina street by a young man on a Vespa

Mr Battersby's report will never be published. It was due to come out last was before the

its own commission of inquiry.
According to Signor de
Pasquale, there are five cases currently being heard in Italy involving huge frauds in the farm sector. One involves a £3 million swindle on 970,000 litres of wine which had been doctored by the addition of sugar to produce inflated production figures and so qualify for distillation aid.

Another sector where there was evidence of wholesale manipulation of EEC methods was olive oil. Here there were cases of false electricity "prove" that presses had been running much longer than was in fact the case. There were examples of members of the same family submitting different returns for the same trees and of premiums paid on trees that had never

Signor de Pasquale claimed issued for fruit and vegetable production from farms that did not even exist.

Inevitably, however, he was short of all the circumstantial proof and could not make any real estimate of the actual

millions of pounds from the MEPs who had been involved EEC. That was the very brave in Community work in Sicily claim made at the European shared his suspicions, though again, without any hard evi-

Mr Robert Battersby, the Humberside member, has It was brave because eight chaired a committee looking into fraud in the olive oil sector. He was sure that about 10 per shot only a couple of hundred cent of the £300 million paid each year to the sector was being creamed off as protection

become part of his way of life.

Signor, de Pasquale won a official from the Community's promise from Mr Stanley Court of Auditors, was sent to

to come out last year before the European elections but, he says, under pressure from some Italian members it had to be

According to Mr James Provan, member for Scotland North-East there is every reason to think that at least three members of the old European Parliament were involved with the Mafia and that at least one of the present Parliament is as well. He also believes that there is mounting evidence that the Mafia must have infliltrated the senior ranks of the European Commission.

He has drawn attention to the fact that £5 million of Community money was earmarked to help the Italian Government monitor EEC expenditure - a cost normally born by member states. "This is the first time this principle has been breached that there were false certificates and I think it stinks," he said

yesterday. The scale of fraud is unlikely ever to be known, but the allegations in Parliament would suggest that the Mafia is one of the reasons that the Community has run out of money.



From Patrick Knight

visit six countries in Europe and the Americas before assuming power on March 15.
He goes to Rome next week for an audience with the Pope an ancience with the rope before moving to Portugal.

The next stop is the United States, where he will meet President Reagan and the International Monetary Fund.

complete the tour. Senhor Neves also has the difficult task of forming a government to satisfy the two disparate groups which brought him to power: the left-wing Brazilian Democratic Move-ment and the Liberal Alliance, composed mainly of those from the centre and right, which until a few months ago, had lived in harmony with the

Mexico and Argentina will

years.
The President-elect inherits a sombere economic situation. Much more is likely to be heard about the forming of a common programme by Latin America's principal debtors. There will be increasing pressure for government-to-government negotiations over the continent's foreign debt.

military regimes of the past 21

Brazil's inflation rate last year was more than 220 per cent, the highest in its history.

In anticipation of a more sympathetic regime, organized abour is increasing its pressure for better wages. The left will be making strenuous efforts to



Victory speech: Senhor Neves addressing Congress in Brasilia after being elected by a convincing majority. He pledged to narrow the gap between rich and poor.

rectify the increased disparity of wealth, which has occurred over the past 20 years. Businesses and shops are likely to raise their prices, as a result. Senhor Neves hopes to defuse the situation by arranging a social pact on the Spanish pattern. He is counting on

Brazil's new spirit of conciliation to achieve it. He has committed himself to accelerate the economic growth of recent months, in the wake of an export boom, which earned Brazil enough last year to pay its \$12 billion (£11 million)

The President-elect starts with the good will of virtually the whole population, which expects no miracles for the 74year-old who has been a familiar figure for so long. Opinion polls show that more than half of all Brazilians think

On the foreign front, Brazil is expected to give more support to Argentina over the Falklands issue. At home, Senhor Neves will have to move carefully to avoid autocontrine Senhor Neves with nave to move carefully to avoid antagonizing the armed forces, which are returning to barracks in good order. He must reduce the military presence in government, where about 15,000 to the different pold sincerure. ment, where about 15,000 retired officers hold sinecures.

Brazilian military spending his been among the continent's lowest in recent years, and Senhor Neves may well follow the example of several civilian predecessors by attempting to buy off the armed forces with a re-equipment programme.

Brazil has no dispute with any neighbour, but the Falk-lands War reveald the military weaknesses of the region's nations, and Brazil is far less well equipped than Argentina. The main challenge for the incoming President, however, will be to hold together a coalition, which has little reason for existence, other than the quest for power by one group and an attempt to ke by the other.

Senhor Neves can count on the good will of most of Brazil's banking creditors, who are aware that the existing pattern of renegotiation, involving a net outflow of capital, cannot

President Reagan has sent an "effusive" message of congratulation to his important ally on the continent.

Taiwanese intelligence men held in **US** murder

Taipei (Renter) Three senior Taiwanese intelligence officials have been arrested in connection with the murder of a prominent Chinese writer in

promment Chinese writer in California, government sources said yesterday.

As Taiwan suffered its biggest political scandal for a decade, the sources said that at least three members of the Military detained over the shooting of detained over the shooting of Mr Henry Liu aged 52 in California on October 15.

They said government leaders were trying to determine the top level of involvement and whether there had been a cover-up.

A committee appointed by President Chiang Ching-kuo has President Chiang Ching-kuo has started to probe intelligence involvement in the killing of Mr Liu. a frequent critic of Taiwan's policies. Members of parliament said yesterday the disclosure of official involvement could damage Taiwan's reputation and its ties with the reputation and its ties with the United States.
The United Daily newspaper

named one of those arrested as Colonel Chen Fu-men.

The paper, whose report was not denied by the Taiwanese Defence Ministry, also named the head of Intelligence Bureau, Vice Admiral Wang Hsi-ling. who was suspened from duties

on Tuesday.

Mr Liu, who emigrated to the United States in 1967, wrote several books criticizing chinese Nationalists policies, including a biography of President

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By Simon Scott Plummer

Thai border'

The next stage in the Vietnamese assault on Cambodian guerrilas may be to cross the border into Thailand and get back the refugees who have fled there, a leading member of the Khmer People's National Libertion Front said in London yesterday.

Mr. Son Soubert, head of the Cambodian Red Cross, told The Times that about 130,000 civilians had crossed the border since the Vietmamese began their dry-season offensive in November. He hoped the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Thai Government would be able to look after them.

Mr Son, who witnessed the Victnamese attack on the Front's camp at Ampil earlier this month, said its fall was not as scrious as the Western media had made out. Ampil was more a model village than a military headquarters and the Front had lost only six men during the fighting. They

would adopt more hit-and-run tactics mobile. against the Vietnamesc. However, for infiltration behind Vieunamese lines to be effective they needed greater help from the outside world so that caches of ammunition and food could

of ammunition and food could be set up inside Cambodia.

Mr Son said the front had lot three camps - Baksei, Nong Samet and Ampil - during the current offensive. Of the eight camps still held, Nogn Chan, which had been recaptured from the Victorian Self Cambodian which had been recaptured from the Vietnamese, Sok Sann and San Ro Changan were expected to be the next targets.

Mr Son said the Front

casualties since November were 118 dead and about 630 wounded. He estimated that Victnamese losses had been higher, at Ampil their infantry had attacked in waves, like the Chinese in the Korean War.

Ankara fears demise of Cyprus draft

Ankara

As Turkish and Greek leaders of Cyprus come together in New York today to sign a draft agreement setting out guidelines for a settlement on the Mediterranean island. the Turkish Government looks ences of possible failure than success.

'If the Greeks waste this last opportunity, what reasons can one have to continue keeping Turkish Cypriots in check?" asked an authoritative source in Ankara, hinting that steps to strengthen the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus", proclaimed unilater-ally 14 mouths ago and recognized only by Turkey, could be resumed immediately.

He did not rule out the referendum in northern Cyprus. followed by a general election, as preparation for another attempt to win international

The mood reflects the Ankara Government's anxiety over the probability of being accused by a sceptical public of having condoned a sell-out, with nothing to show in return for substantial concessions, particularly after it has become clear that a spin-off in the form of a breakthrough in Aegean disputes with Greece can not be expected.

Although the official line is that determination of their future is the primary concern of Turkish Cypriots, the Turkish public has long been con-ditioned to see the problem as a In this atmosphere, agreeing to

vice-presidency as the top post for Turkish leaders in a federal Cypriot Government, and to a 7 to 3 ratio favouring the Greeks in the Government and the lower house of the bicameral Parliament are considered disproportionately heavy con-

Territorial reducing the Turks' pos-sessions from 40 to 29.9 per cent of the island are regarded both in Turkey and in northern Cyprus as a reckless handout

The Ankara Government wants it made clear to Turkey's allies and friends that it has gone far beyond its limits in agreeing the draft agreement and that if the New York summit should collapse the Turkish side should not be

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From Rasit Gurdilek



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Prisoner swap on border Vietnamese

Peking (AFP) - China and Vietnam vesterday exchanged prisoners at their border, with 15 Vietnamese and 71 Chinese being sent back, officials said in

The Victnamese had been captured by Chinese border guards while engaged in "armed

provocations and sabotage" in Chinese territory, a Foreign

Ministry spokesman said.

sources said Hanoi at the same time freed at Pingxiang on the frontier 71 Chinese fishermen arrested for having entered ietnamese waters.

The exchange came within 24 hours of fresh Peking accusations of "repeated Vietnamese incursions" into China that repulsed by Chinese

India and Pakistan battle to dominate the frozen roof of the world

Delhi

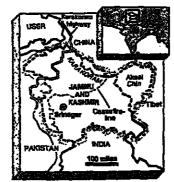
The tension which exists between India and Pakistan has flared into actual conflict repeatedly in the past six months, resulting in more than 80 deaths, according to a senior Indian general.

The encounters took place in the frozen roof of the world. high above the valleys of Kashmir in the Karakoram range of the Himalayas. In the area of the Siachin Glacier, where the River Nubra falls - in summer - through rocky valleys, but where snow and icc close in for most of the year. Pakistani and Indian troops have been battling to improve their positions, or defend the line of actual control established after the series of Indo-Pakistan.

Licutenant-General M. L. Chibber, GOC Northern Command, says more than 50

restoration of fundamental

freedom of expression and the



killed for breaching the control line, he said three Indian soldiers died in the encounters and 27 others in an avalanche during operations there.

General Chubber, speaking in externely cool in his recent Jammu, said the Pakistani public utterances about re-attacks had been successfully lations with Pakistan. He has repelled. "Indian troops have given a warning that continuing American efforts to rearm

admit an appeal against the

Ershad eases martial law Dhaka (AP, Reuter) -President Ershad ordered the right to form associations, and the Supreme Court's right to

rights in Bangladesh yesterday and abolished special military courts established under mar-At the same time. President Ershad appointed a sevential law, an official announcemember Cabinet comprised entirely of military officers as a Fundamental rights were suspended when General Erstep towards restoring democ-racy through parliamentary elections in April. He dropped shad seized power in a bloodless coup. ousting President all 13 former ministers from Sattar in March, 1982. They the government-backed Janaicclude the right of assembly,

na, which takes a circuitous route to avoid the area controlled by the Indians. Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India, has been

> Pakistan are a matter for serious concern to India. • DHAKA: A dispute over an Indian plan to fence its entire border with Bangladesh erupted again yesterday for the first time

Pakistan in the area and the terrotory continues to be fully under Indian control."

Pakistan told me recently that

there was a dispute in the

Siachin area, but denied it

would come to fighting. "It is

A Times correspondent also reported that the Indians had

used paratroops to repel Pakis-

tani attacks in the Nubra Valley

early last year. The alleged purpose of the Pakistani incur-

sions is to straighten the

Karakoram highway into Chi-

God-forsaken country

there," he said.

President Zia ul-Haq

April (Reuter reports). A Bangladesh Foreign Office spokesman said the Indian High Commission here was asked to tell Delhi that the proposed barbed wire fence could impair relations between the countries.

since the issue was dropped last

The protest came after Mr Gandhi told a public rally that the fence would be erected soon.



Joy of charity: Mother Teresa, the Nobel peace prize winner, embracing a child during ceremony in Hong Kong in which she was given a building to house the destitute. The building was presented by the colony's government to the missionaries of Charity, an order

Germans test motorway speed limit

From Michael Binyon

first Government-ordered experimental speed restriction was imposed on a 25-mile stretch of motorway between Hamburg and Bremen Yesterday in an attempt to find out whether lower speeds will significantly reduce pollution.

Until October cars will not be allowed to go faster than 200 kilometres an hour (62.5 mph), on 20 selected test stretches the country. West Germany is the only country in

have any general speed limit on its motorways, but the Government has come under increasing pressure from environmental groups at home and from its neighbours to impose a limit as a first step towards cutting air

The Government conscious of the strong pressure from the car lobby which insists that a speed limit will ruin the market for fast German cars, has tried to put off a limit, saying the effect on the environment would be only marginal. But

Europe which still does not last Autumn the Ministry of Transport announced that a series of controlled tests would be set up and in November Herr Werner Dollinger, the Transport Minister, will evaluate the results.

On the selected motorway stretches the volume of traffic will be measured and behaviour noted before the limits are introduced, and the same then done after the 100 KPH limit.

Until recently German public opinion has been sharply hostile to any limits and to any

Lack of EEC cash limits horizons as Italy takes over

the Italian presidency of the year. Council of Ministers for the We next six months, Signor Andreotti therefore had to concentrate on words and hopes, rather

than on practical deeds. Community "during the early months" of the year. He made it clear that the worries of Mediterranean countries, including Italy, about the effects of enlargement would be borne fully in mind. But he saw an end to the negotiations as the easiest way of breaking the

it needs to pay its bills this year. Like all his recent predecessors as president, Signor Andreotti identified unemployment as the central problem of the Community. But without the cash to start programmes, he could not suggest any tangible ideas for the industrial and technical collaboration he knew was needed to tackle the

The lack of an EEC budget In essence, therefore, the means that it would be naive Community will have to tick means that it would be naive Community will have to tick or fanciful" to try to initiate any over on his very limited new Community programmes, resources for the next six Signor Giulio Andreotti, the months in the hope that success Italian Foreign Minister, told in the enlargement negotiations the European Parliament will make it possible to draw up Telling members the aims of a new budget for the rest of the

West Germany has refused to provide any more money until Spain and Portugal are safely in the Community, so everything

hangs on that. His main hope was to finish
the negotiations for entry of Andreoni hoped to be able to
Spain and Portugal into the fix a date for an inter-governmental conference to agree on EEC institutional reform, He would also try to call an informal meeting among ministers to put together an effective plan for international collabora tion against drug abuse:

The main thrust for Com munity foreign policy would be budget deadlock and providing the Community with the money pressure "can and must be stepped up" on the Arabs and Israelis to start talks. Help had to be given to Jordan to negotiate with the Palestin Liberation Organization about the occupied territories =

In East-West relations, Signor Andreotti believed the Com-munity had a vital back-up in the arms talks between superpowers.

Inquiry into Pershing fire begins From Michael Binyon

A parliamentary defence committee began a closed hearing yesterday into the causes of the accident involving an American Pershing 2 nuclear missile last Friday, when three American soldiers were burnt to

death and 16 injured. US military authorities have already begun an investigation at Heilbronn, the American base where the missile's fuel caught fire as it was being unloaded. A German Air Force officer will take part and a report is expected in about a month. Washington has prom-

ised Bonn that the German people will be fully informed. The Bundestag Speaker re-fused to allow the Social Democrats to ask urgent pri-ority questions on the accident, and Born has insisted the matter is for the Americans to deal with There have been suggestions the accident was

caused by the extreme cold. The Government has insisted accident should in no way Defence Ministry, said yesterday that the population had

Official in power site row quits From Richard Bassett Vienna ...

Dr Emil Schuller, the senior Austrian civil servant in charge of police at the controversial Hainburg power station site, has resigned and accused the Government of indecision in handling violent clashes with protesting environmentalists.

In an aimost unprecedented move. Dr. Schuller said the Government had denied its executive any reasonable powerin dealing with protests at the site, east of Vienna on the Gach border.

After the most violent pro-tests, on December 19, when police tried to break up the demonstrations with batons, the Government ordered police to withdraw while Cabinet con-sidered the matter. But the absence of any new decision has only frustrated both Government supporters and op-

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Dr Schuller's resignation has expressed for many Austrians the Government's lack of hold up the deployment of the new Nato missiles. Herr Lothar Rühl, State Secretary in the compromise may have been damaged irrevocably by the passions aroused by Hainburg.

Coastguards repel pirate raid on cruise liner

Singapore (Reuter) - The of the Mactan Channel when a Philippines' Coastguard foiled an attempt by pirates to board a croise liner carrying 260 passengers, mostly Austraians, the captain of the vessel said yesterday.

Captain Malcolm Anderson. un Englishman, said four 'locals' on an outrigger canoe tried to clamber on board the 9,675 ton Coral Princess as it entered Cebu harbour in the central Philippines at dawn on Tuesday.

He said the pirates did not actually board the ship, and fled after one of their three outriggers was fired on by the coastguard.

The coastguard said earlier that the pirates were swarming on board the liner at the mouth

patrol spotted them. Captain Anderson said: "Only four locals from an outrigger cance tried to climb

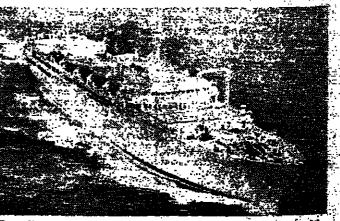
aboard, but they were chased

away by a coastguard patrol

Passengers and crew on the Hong Kong-registered ship, which was on a cruise from Bali, spotted the outrigger before the coastguard came on the scene.

"There was no alarm among the passengers who took it all in their stride. It was the first such incident," he said.

The Singapore Government chartered the vessel earlier this mouth for a four-day croise for 500 nomarried Civil servents as part of an official match-making programme.



Boarders repelled: The cruise ship Coral Princess, owned by the China Navigation Co. of London.

Second trial for 14 Hell's Angels arrested in 1983

Bonn. - The trial opened in Hamburg yesterday of 14 members, including two Briions of a "Hells Angels" motor cycle gang accused of rape ndecent assault, membership of criminal organization, trading in drugs and prostitution, robbery, fraud, causing bodily harm and racketeering (Michael

Binyon writes).
Arrested in 1983, they were brought to trial in November. but the proceedings, behind bullet-proof glass in a speciallyconverted court collapsed six days later on a legal technical-

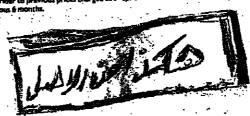
16 face trial in Hungary for gold smuggling

Vienna - Sixteen Hungarians will be tried in March for complicity in the riggest case of gold smuggling in Hungary post-war history, the official Budapest news agency reported yesterday (Richard Bassett writes).
The court will hear the

Hungarian married comple-allegedly bought stild here on monthly shopping expeditions. This was then smuggled across the fronties and sold for a vast profit in Hungary, where in common with most East Like. pean countries, gold is difficult



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slow-motion Granville Barker revival that has been going on for the past 20 years; each production revealing a master dramatist and each followed by another few years neglect i have given up hoping that these extraordinary plays will be absorbed into the standard repertory. But meanwhile here s a beautiful version of his final, once-banned, play, to be

ploughs into the sands.

Focusing on the kind of duction; and the invisible scandal that crops up in British mending has yielded a lucidly public life, from Charles Dilke plotted version, printed of to Cecil Parkinson, Waste political obscurities, and prefollows the deleated career of Henry Trebell - a lawyer-politician who has drafted a Bill for the disestablishment of the Church of England, with which his party hopes to win the Edwardian establishment on its general election. The plan falls home ground; elevated busito pieces when it comes to light that Trebell has casually im-burning religious fervour, all pregnated a fellow guest at a under the silky control of a house party; her abortion and death are swiftly capped by his political downfall and suicide.

cherished before it too, in

From that account you would to the task of forming a expect a melodrama. What government. Barker presents is a symphonic elaboration of the story, examming the workings of the political salon, the differing factions that meet in temporary alliance along an intricate borderland between public and private life.

At every point the play contradicts your expectations of the Edwardian theatre (it dates from 1907). There are no appeals to public opinion and no moralizing. The affair is conducted in terms of straight- who comes seeking a few forward physical hunger, with moments of valuable time. conducted in terms of straightno sympathetic invocations for Daniel Massey, challenged and a "wronged woman" (who is at bay throughout the evening. variously described as "worth-turns to pure granite less" and a "trull"). The two demand for an abortion. deaths are displaced from the action and introduced only in

Theatre in the

United States:

Holly Hill finds one

among rather more

rubble on the New

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him zav conventionalis attrac tive qualities. He is coldblooded, egocentric, and he never apologizes. What you can say for him is that he always speaks the truth, and that, when he speaks of education as his religion and envisages disestabhabed churches humming with new intellectual life, you can share his vision and accept him on the play's valuation. In that respect. Issudiously withdrawn as he may be, he is a decided improvement on his ineffectual predecessor in Barker's The

Madra, Henry

John Barton's production is a Barker's embittered phrase, the rewritten version Barker conflation of the 1907 text and prepared for the 1936 propolitical obscurities, and preserving the stalistic balance of extreme fastidiousness and plain speech that defines this author's unmistakable voice, Here is the sound of the home ground; elevated busineismen, bone-headed gentry. nurty leader (Tony Church) to whom the fate of the family pictures is of equal importance

The sound of Mr Church in dehate with these factions (Mark Dignam, David Killick, Charles Kay) is theatrical music of a high order.

But, whether or not Mr Barton intended it, that debate is overshadowed by the Trebell-Amy affair, Judi Dench's Amy undergoes a staggering trans-formation from a flirtatious bird of paradise with a soft Irish brogue in the first act to the desperate, businesslike woman turns to pure granite at her

It is a scaringly intimate collision between two people passing. who should never have met in Bravest of all, Barker angrily the first place; but Miss Dench, protests against the waste of a making her exit to a back-street great statesman while denying quack, decisively wins it with



Searingly intimate collision: Daniel Massey and Judi Dench in Waste

her last appeal: "What impractical, sentimental children you men are. Tell me somewhere I can go!" Though even this is outmatched in Trebell's later encounter with his sister (Maria Aitken) and with Amy's separated Irish husband (Bruce Alexander), a derisive medievalist who sees British politics from the vantage point of the thirteenth century. Never was there a character more remote from the stage Irishman.

Irving Wardle

In his literature, civilized man

has always harboured idyllic

land of love and happiness. An the murky thickets of their Eden. A new play by Adrian Eckersley imaginatively poses the question what if . .? What if it were both an uncharted desert island and a man? And suppose a suburban Hendon family to go in search of it and find this sole surviving inhabitant? At first it seems possible that

dreams can come true. Eden the man has long prayed for the return of humankind (it seems the place was once an exotic and exclusive resort for the ninetenth-century social set). When it happens his gratitude changes him from solitary lord to willing slave.

As the encounter develops the set changes from a colourful Rorschach inkblot background to a gloomy primitivist jungle as the characters move from visions of an arcadian golden hopes as wide as sea and sky to

inner selves. The Man Friday (Joeseph Charles) turns out to be part sacrificial victim, offering himself too fully to each member of the tamily, and part psychiatric witch-doctor,

sions and obsessions. The mood darkens and the noble savage catalyzes the savage sexuality in each breast; its exclusivity and jealousy cleaving family bonds asunder. The crusty, blimpish father (Michael Cotterill), at first oozing colonial prejudice, is revealed as homo-crotic, Mum (Pat Rossiter) has ghoulish penchant for casualty victims lurking amidst her suppressed sexuality. Only the sparky teenage daughter (Catherine

expected.

unlocking their individual pas-

manages to emerge unscathed, but wiser, from the experience But the Pleasure Priniciple company, and their director Mark Scantlebury, have not resolved the tensions between television sitcom acting and humour and an obvious desire for Eden to be regarded as a serious parable. Though the play is at times provocative and intriguing, suspension of disbelief becomes increasingly unwilling as the improbabilities multiply towards its sub-Lard of the Flies climax. And the writing struggles to hang on to

its Big Themes somewhere between semi-mystical pidgin and Hendon colloquial. Still, Roy Plomley's guests never ned a desert island could imagined a be like this. Clarke), armed with the adaptabillity and insight of youth

Television

Manipulating lives

Real Lives (BBC 1) followed the 2) is a miracle of reconstruction

Robert Page

Concerts

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musical works are those that were never written, like Beetho-ven's Faust or Wagner's late symphonies. To this repertory of the imagination may now be added, if on a lower level, Luciano Berio's orchestral arrangement of Brahms's F minor Viola Sonata, which was promseed for Tuesday night's concert. by the BBC Philharmonic but replaced in the event by a new work for viola and chamber

Berio being Berio, though. present reality was smeared with past possibility, if not in any overt reference to Brahms then certainly in the continuation of the idea of transcrip-They has the subtitle Folks Songs II" and takes its material from the songs and streets cries of Sicily, collected for the occasion by its soloist

Unlike Berio's first Folk Songs, which consisted more simply of settings for Cathy Berberian to sing, Voci is a fantasy woven around the original melodies. Of course, the fact that they are sung by an instrument and not a voice makes a difference, even if Mr Bennici's viola proved itself eminently capable of suggesting ethnic models: rough, gutteral singing, guitar accompaniments criental drone-rooted fament. But, as anyone who learns his literary theory from David Lodge will be aware, any

decoding is a new encoding, and Berio acknowledges this. He decodes the folk music for

his solo viola then encodes it as a single-movement concerto of commentary and reminiscence.

The piece begins with the viola alone, and in a sense the soloist remains alone through-Some of the most fascinating out, playing almost continuously along a pathway of whole tones, variants and motifs that seem to get stuck in his consciousness. Meanwhile the orchestra supports and qualifies but only rarely interrupts his monologue: there is one moment near the end when solo woodwinds flower in a tissue of folk songs, but more normally the ensemble is a haze around viola, murmurous and tantalizing in the distance, or sometimes coming into closer focus. The work belongs with other chamber concertos by Berio for cello and piano, in which a soluloquy is given shimmering accompaniment, though in this case the Sicilian origin gives the solo line a harder profile.

The other work in the programme, also conducted by Berio, was his classic Sinfonia. which has recently been right royally decoded and encoded in a monograph by David Os-mond-Smith, Playing on Words (Royal Musical Association, £10.95).

As this study shows, there is a lot more to the work than the parade of quotations that spins through its central movement. Berro's own performance, helped by clear articulation and bright tone from the orchestra and the New Swingle Singers. brought forward its jittery rhythms and cool harmonic lights, the consonant patterns and vowel sounds orchestra that speaks.

Paul Griffiths

Versatile winds

Chilton/Payne/ Bennett

Wigmore Hall

A windy night at the Wigmore;

wheezes from the accordion and gusty blasts from the saxophone. The decibel power of Tim Payne's playing in Denisov's raucous Sonata for Alto Saxophone was alarming and in Claude Pascal's entirely trivial Sonatine for the same instrument he and his spirited pianist Dina Bennett swept the torrent of notes (originally a showpiece for Marcel Mule) away like a

confident snow-plough.
We might have disappeared altogether in the drift had Payne's saxophone and John Chilton's accordion played together, but they did not risk that (the repertoire must be circumscribed - perhaps they could have adapted Seiber's Introduction and Allegro for Accordion and Cello).

Instead, Chilton demonstrated a wide range of uses for his instrument, from the relatively conventional in Robert Saxton's Fantasiestuck to the positively bizarre in Jonty Harrison's (Sa)Wheeze. In the Saxton, receiving its first London performance, this most colouristically resourceful of composers had to cope with an extremely limited palette of sound. The three-note cell

extensive two-part writing began to sound a little grey and certainly was less rhythmically well defined in performance than the programme note's remarks about metrical modulation led one to expect.

Harrison's (Sq) Wheeze, described as Music Theatre for Accordionist and Tape, promised some fun à la Kagel but turned out whimsical rather than amusing: a couple of minutes of air noise, followed by the odd random note, puppet-like gestures for the player bewildered by the interruption of the taped accordion noise, and after ten minutes a sort of cataclysmic throwing of musical bricks out of which emerged a single pedal note that the accordion player, with

evident satisfaction, matched. By far the sweetest music, however, came in Howard Skempion's Twin Set and Pearls: this alone acknowledged the traditional language of the accordion in a lovely sequence seven simple

"brightly" with um-pah ac-companiment, "gently" with harmonious thirds, "lightly" with a single line, "sturdily" with church harmonium chord sequences, "steadily" with Messiaen-like devotion, "slowly" with dislocated

counterpoint and finally "ex-tremely slowly" coming to rest on a reposeful major chord. Nice to hear one of those again.

Nicholas Kenyon

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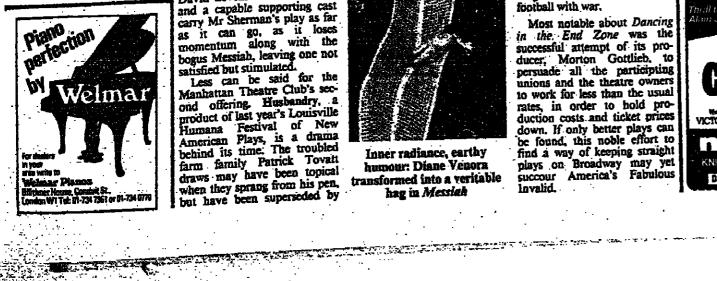
"The Team" in Diamonds: engaging singing, dancing and clowning

Spare me the tedium of real baseball games, but take me back to Diamonds (Circle in the Square-Downtown), the new Off-Broadway musical celebrating America's national sport. Zippily staged by Harold Prince, with sketches and songs by numerous contributors, the revue beguiles from the first sight of Tony Straiges's set. Cartoons of stadiums, famous players, slogans and clouds on a summer's day dot the walls, and in the finale the Statue of Liberty pops up wearing a catcher's mitt.

Surrounded by such amusing and apt decorations, a thoroughly engaging cast of 10 act, sing, dance and clown through 30 mostly clever and sometimes touching vigneties. Among my favourities was "Kasi Atta Bat". This Kabuki version of the famous American poem "Casey at the Bat" ends with "Kasiat the Bar" ends with "Kasisan" committing a "suicide galls's evocative lighting suggest
san" committing a "suicide seventeenth-century Poland play" and is interrupted by a

vendor crying "sushi-get it while it's cold".

Other joys were John Lahr's "Psyched Out", in which Freud is aghast and a-glec when a baseball player describes his game problems in such double-entendres as switch-hitting, double headers and scoring. The



song of a proper young lady who turns foul-mouthed when who turns foul-mouthed when watching baseball, a version of the Abbott and Costello "Who's on First" played by an adult and a child, a lovely Walter Mitty-type ballad, "What You'd Call a Dream" by Craig Carnelia (wonderfully sung by Scott Holmes), and a rousing gospel number about God throwing out the first ball make Diamonds a delight.

throwing out the first ball make Diamonds a delight.

Alas, four dramas recently opened had no such quality. Most successful of them was-Martin Sherman's Messiah (Manhantan Theatre Club at City Center). The set of Tony Straiges (this Tony-winning designer of Sunday in the Park with George continues to dazzle with George continues to dazzle with seemingly effortless inventiveness). a sparsely elegant rough wood floor and back-ground, Linda Fisher's graceful costumes, and James F. Inseventeenth-century Polan while being richly theatrical.

A beautiful young actress (as demonstrated in the film Wolfen, where she played opposite Afbert Finney), Diane Venora has transformed herself into a veritable hag for Rachel, and blends an inner radiance with earthy humour. Under David Leveaux's direction, she and a capable supporting cast carry Mr Sherman's play as far as it can go, as it loses momentum along with the bogus Messiah, leaving one not satisfied but stimulated. Less can be said for the Manhattan Theatre Club's sec-ond offering, Husbandry, a product of last year's Louisville

farm family Patrick Tovatt

draws may have been topical

Places in the Heart. As the author goes no deeper than the conflict between an ageing couple who want their son to come home and run the failing farm and his metropolitan career-minded wife, and leaves the dispute unresolved, the subject appears more hackneyed

such films as Country and

The same is true of Home Front (Royale Theatre), the Broadway version of last summer's Hampstead Theatre Club offering, The War at Home. The balance of James Duff's post-Vietnam domestic drama has shifted here to the

Humana Festival of New American Plays, is a drama behind its time. The troubled

Inner radiance, earthy humour: Diane Venora transformed into a veritable hag in Messiah

comedic, largely due to the decent but lightweight perform-ances of Carroll O'Connor as the father and Christopher Fields as the son. Mr O'Connor has not the rampaging bull quality of Timothy West; Mr Fields has none of the cruptive menace of David Threlfall. While Frances Sternhagen is even better as the mother, having made her performance seamless somewhere between our shores, and Linda Cook in her Broadway debut approaches similar perfection as the daugh-ter, the relative blandness of the men weakens the family stresses and renders the final scene even less believable than at Hampstead. One odd note: the Texas accents of the British cast were more authentic and sustained than those here.

A drama weighted by foggy ideas and inconsistent characters is Bill C. Davis's Dancing in the End Zone (Ritz Theatre). Though I have yet to see a play directed by Melvin Bernhardt in which most actors achieve more than strident stereotypes, the performers in End Zone are also hampered by flimsy characters - a possessive mother who may only be pretending to be an invalid, a naive college football player, a ruthless coach and a do gooder tutor who equates football with war.

Most notable about Dancing in the End Zone was the successful attempt of its producer, Morton Gottlieb, to persuade all the participting unions and the theatre owners to work for less than the usual rates, in order to hold production costs and ticket prices down. If only better plays can be found, this noble effort to find a way of keeping straight plays on Broadway may yet succour America's Fabulous

interesting career of Viktoria – not so much of Bennett's Mullova, a Russian violinist who defected to the United States in 1983. She was greeted in a blaze of publicity but, as other defectors have discovered in the state of reconstruction — not so much of Bennett's novel as of the setting and period in which it is fixed as securely as a piece of coal in a other defectors have discovered. other defectors have discovered, gloom and claustrophobia is the consequences of the free-almost palpable, as pale-faced dom she sought with such Anna makes her way through all assiduity are not always as the other pale faces. Of course it is BBC literature and BBC As an account of her entry history but, like the contents of into a new world, this was a a well-furnished room, they are fascinating documentary: she now both reassuring and familiar: the music, the interiors, "worth", since she soon realized the street scenes in which scores that she had come to a country of people are all walking around at precisely the same moment, in which the power and dominance of money are taken for granted. And, with the money, came self-promotion as the perplexing attempts at a regional accent, all of these

things are unbeatable. Peter Ackroyd which began the work threw up some good material, but the

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There were more serious problems, however. The male companion with whom she defected was finding it difficult to get work as a conductor (his was in some ways the more interesting, because more poignant, story), and Mullova herself was forced to confront that apparently non-Soviet insti-tution, the music critic. Her interpretations were described "impersonal" or "cold" although those of course were the very qualities which allowed her to abandon her family and leave her homeland.

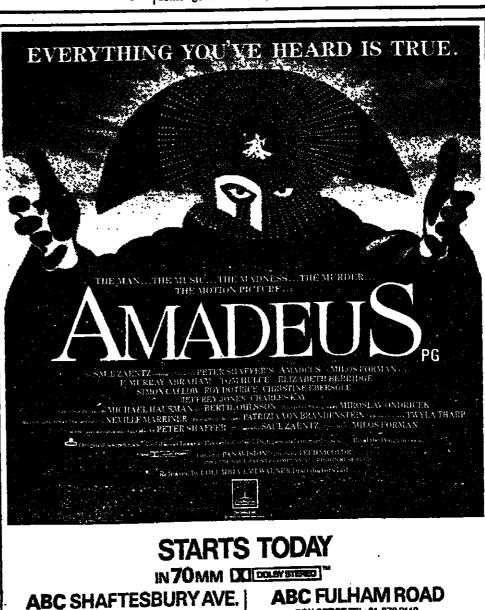
she was trained to change her manner on the concert platform: "The severe unsmiling style of Soviet soloists", the commentator explained in

almost too alliterative a manner, "is not popular".

But she seemed happy enough: this stern, and very determined, young woman has in any case already proved that life is something to be grasped and manipulated rather than passively accepted. America may be her spiritual home, after

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The man with a price on his head

The Times Profile: Nigel Lawson

have been its areas of greatest weakness. But although it is true enough that actions speak louder than words – and certainly words without action are useless - actions without words are usually dangerous and often impossible.'

Not, as you might suppose, a commentary on the Chancellor's confusions over the pound - but Nigel Lawson himself, writing of his predecessor-but-one as Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1973. Thus do the words blithely let loose by a journalist return against him in government, Lawson is learning about communication the hard way. The Chancellor is the fastest-risen

of the Prime Minister's men. Like a soufilé, he is now surrounded by colleagues wondering if he is ⁶He is possessed of high intelligence

and a certain brutish aggression⁹ beginning to sag. The speculation is misplaced. No Chancellor (as Sir Geoffrey Howe or Denis Healey could testify) has been properly blooded until he has heard Press or

Mrs Thatcher is not about to sack a minister so closely identified with her policies, one whose first Budget, indeed, she said displayed "vision

Parliament baying for his resig-

and skill of a high order".

But ever since that Budget Lawson has had a rough time, with gloomy news on unemployment and a weak pound. He failed to achieve the essential standing ovation at the last Tory party conference. Now the Chancellor is in Washington with the world's four other top finance ministers, and certainly aware that a false move there could trigger another market panic.

It is not long since Lawson was sitting on the comfortable, journalist's side of the sence. From early on, he was politically committed, sorting out the matchsticks in Sir Alec Douglas-Home's economic speeches in the campaign of 1964.

He had a long struggle to find himself a seat, and was already sufficiently well known for every failure to be noticed, while other would-be politicians hunted on in decent obscurity. In 1974, already in his forties, he was finally elected for Blaby, in Leicestershire.

From then on progress was rapid. He was very much part of the inner circle of economic policy makers that forged Thatcherism between 1974 and 1979. Unlike so many of those who jumped aboard the Thatcher bandwagon, Lawson had some pedigree of opposition to expansio-nary budget policies. In 1971, he described himself as the traditional odd man out in Bateman cartoons: The man who booed the Barber

Budget".
In 1979 he was given the best of all junior ministers' jobs - Financial Secretary to the Treasury. There he "The poor man's Denis Healey" was risk of imbalance. The top of the officials nickname, touched with a Treasury ran smoothly, with its

"So far the Government's life, the preparation of public opinion and the communication of government policy and deeply impressed his Treasury civil servants.

> There is something in the comparison. Lawson, like Healey, is pos-sessed of high intelligence and a certain brutish aggression, easily repulsed by the strong but condemned by the weak as arrogance; both men take insufficient pains with the fools that litter their chosen

> One journalist Lawson admires once described him as "a man who would cross a road to pick a fight". Lawson may lack Healey's sparkling literary scholarship, but also his ox-hide. Today's Chancellor is sensitive and nervous about his public

performances.
But in 1979, of course, he above all lacked Healey's weight. Nevertheless, he became, in public and in private, the creator and apologist of government economic thinking.

Inside the Treasury, while Sir Geoffrey Howe favoured exhaustive discussions of the options, Lawson favoured the single stroke of policy.

At this time Lawson forged a close alliance with the two officials who now run the Treasury under his Chancellorship - Sir Terence Burns, the Chief Economic Adviser imported from the London Business School, aged only 35, in 1980, and Sir Peter Middleton, the Deputy Sec-retary in charge of monetary policy who leap-frogged his superiors to become Permanent Secretary in

But in 1981 Lawson himself was overtaken - by a rather similar, though younger, Thatcher man. Mr Leon Brittan, lawyer and brother of Lawson's friend Sam Brittan of the Financial Times, was brought into the Treasury. He entered above Lawson, and in the Cabinet, as Chief Secretary, a thankless job which consists of beating down other departments demands for cash.

Lawson's first big set-piece - his 1984 Budget -was a triumph 9

Wholly unprepared for the role, Brittan nevertheless survived and indeed enhanced his reputation. But when Mrs Thatcher was looking for a new chancellor, she sent the lawyer to the Home Office and brought the financial journalist back to the

Lawson had meanwhile secured a seat in the Cabinet as Energy Secretary. It was a time when the Government was embarking on the choppy waters of privatization, and Lawson was soon in the thick of the storm. Share prices too high or too low threatened to wreck the reputation of the officiating minister. while a brawl with Sir Denis Rooke. satrap of the gas industry, exploded into public. But Lawson was spared a miners' strike and arrived at the 1983 election with a considerable increase in political weight.

At the Treasury, Lawson's old allies rejoiced at this appointment, was early seen as a power in the land. but from the beginning there was a



Permanent Secretary, Chief Economic Adviser and political head in such perfect accord.

But they are perhaps too alike: clever men with a high level of economic expertise, but - either by job or by instinct - lacking links with the perfidious House of Commons, and above all lacking a popular presenter of policy.

Trouble came early, with Lawson's emergency package of spending cuts after the 1983 election. The old guard in the Cabinet was outraged, most of all by learning of the package first from a story in The Times - one of a series of leaks that created Treasury

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paranoia by the time of the 1984 Budget, and a cumbersome and wholly ineffective police inquiry.

The leaks drew the top of the Treasury closer together, into an inner core of secrecy which did nothing to foster good relations with the rest of the outside world.

Despite these worries, Lawson's first big set-piece - his 1984 budget was a friumph. It was more popular than any of Sir Geoffrey Howe's, even his first tax-cutting Budget in 1979. It was seen as innovative and trend-setting, with the kind of attention to tax reform the Conservatives had been promising for years. It

cares of minding the Exchequer was also markedly more popular than the Treasury expected.

But there were clouds on the horizon. Pessimists in the City were heard to mutter that Lawson was loosening up on monetary policy; together with weakening oil prices and an ever-strong dollar, doubts about monetary policy were to undermine the pound from then on.

In the political world, Lawson was being attacked from the other side. Policy, it was said, was not too loose, it was too tight - as evidenced by the continuing rise in unemployment. Caught between the two, Lawson

spent a difficult autumn, complicated further by an exceptionally severe public spending struggle. The miners' strike meanwhile debilitated public finances, growth, output and the exchange rate. At the party conference, when Lawson failed to rouse his audience, the party began mutter.

The party had, of course, muttered long and loud about Sir Geoffrey Howe, as Britain plunged into its worst postwar recession.

But Sir Geoffrey Howe, even at the very worst, could usually count on some long-standing residual affection in the parliamentary party. Lawson, the newcomer, the journalist, the fast-track outsider, the man who does not obviously display affection for the House of Commons, does not have a similar fund of political

He is also, of course, vulnerable on unemployment. He was part of the Treasury that proved over-optimistic in 1979-81 about the likely increase

HIS LIFE AND POLITICAL CAREER

Born: 1932 Educated: Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford 1954: 1st class honours Politics, Philosophy and Economics 1961-63: City Editor, Sunday Telegraph 1963-64: Speechwriter to Sir Ale 1966-70: Editor, Spectator 1970: Contested Eton and Slough for the

Conservatives 1974: Elected MP for Blaby Treasury 1981: Joined the Cabinet as Energy

Secretary 1983: Chancellor of the Exchequer

in the dole queue. He rashly ventured an opinion during the 1983 election campaign - while other ministers grimly stuck to waffle - that there was "a very good prospect that by next year we will see the start of a fall in unemployment".

There was a brief decline that autumn; without the miners' strike, things might have been a little better in 1984. But the salt of this over-optimism is being rubbed into his optimism is being rubbed into his wounds today.

And then, of course, there were the two sterling dramas. How much blame for the latest can be shaken off

> It is the City's suspicion that he is a touch too clever?

on to No 10 and the Prime Minister's Press officer, how much will subside with market hysteria, are yet to be established. It certainly raised a question mark over Lawson's future, exacerbated by a bad parliamentary performance on Monday. On Tuesday, however, the parliamentary verdict seemed to be that he had repaired the damage, but a lot is riding on his second Budget.

His first was a hard act to follow. This pre-Budget period is proving particularly stormy, the intervention the Prime Minister particularly obvious and counter-productive. Yet it would be unwise to assume that Lawson has shot his bolt. From Mrs Thatcher's point of

view, he has the virtue of conviction; he has also the proven attributes of consistency and coherence. Yet he is not inflexible. Indeed, it is the City's suspicion that he is a touch too clever that has brought some of his difficulties on him. He has the energy to proceed with radical fax reform.

For all Nigel Lawson was closely identified with Mrs Thatcher's early policies, he is genuinely a second-term man in a Cabinet that is beginning to look a little dog-eared. small children, give some semblance of youth to this administration. He displays a certain invigorating cheek; only Nigel Lawson could as Chancellor present a lecture entitled "The British Experiment". Other legacies of his journalistic

days include too-tight suits (the waistcoats are fortunately disappearing), for which he cheerfully pleads the poverty of the politician as an excuse; and a certain robust wit. At the Sunday Telegraph, he is said to have coined Lawson's law of large companies: that the height of the chairman is inversely related to his-profits. No giant himself, Lawson may yet attempt to prove its parallel Sarah Hogg

My family ties with St Michael

moreover ...

Miles Kington

Last weekend I had the strange experience, for the first time is my life, of visiting a place with the same name as me how the same name as me how the Kington in Herdordshire but a village near Chippenhain called Kington St Michael, which is the Marks & Spencer branch it would have been stupid to expect to find traces of ances. tors there. In fact, any place with the same name as you is the most unlikely place to provide ancestors, as place to your forebears when they left the place and arrived some where else where they had to b identified.

And sure enough, as I posted my way through the lich gate of Kington St Michael's church past a strange stone blockage and rambled through the soon covered graveyard, there was not a Kington to be teen, only ghosts called Sealy, Wick and Piercy, Inside the church there was rather more life; the white of a high-speed drill came from the NE corner, where a sweating churchwarden was struggling to replace a leaking water pipe before it rotted everthing.

"Hello", he said, glad of the distraction, "would you like to visit the beliry"

They are very proud of the heifry at Kington St Michael, In heitry at kington Strinchau, in 1979 all the six bells were taken away, retuned and rehmig-which was about as strengons as undertaking as removing the clock of Big Ben to get it cleaned, and have a Teasmado futed. After climbing perilons ladders through loft after loft, we stood on top of the bells and wondered cautiously if the tower was really strong enough to take the weight of these enormous

The tower fell down in 1703", said the warden briskly. This one is very modern, 1725. so there's no danger."

Remembering Dorot Sayers's The Nine Tailors. which a man caught in a belfy is rung to death by bells, we clambered down again soon, enough and did the tour of the Norman arch in nave ... 13th century porch ... flowers dating from very late 1984 but the quirklest thing was the stained class east window, donated in 1875 by Squire Prodgers. The panel depicting the text "Suffer the little children to come unto me" shows Christ receiving children from the spitting image of Mrs. Prodgers, in a brown robe but no head dress, which according to Kilvert's Diary caused intense gossip and indignations at the

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This I learn from the sple church history leaflet, which reveals that both Kilvert and John Aubrey, of Brief Lives fame, were local lads. Stiff literary competition this, so we retire to the village pub for solace. The Jolly Huntaman is a jolly place indeed, full of roaring fire and Sunday drinkers, though the congregation is hardly parochial. At the bar I hear a man say: Now take Marrakesh, which is a typical inland Moroccan town . . .

The Jolly Huntsman, says the church leaflet, is 18th century, restored in 1880. What it doesn't mention is how often it has been changed since. Down the north end, in the eating area, it has been through a Spanish phase with curiy wrought iron and little Moorish arches. The nave is predominantly equestrian with horse brasses, a bunting horn and several foxchasing prints. The south end is. oddly, devoted to the Battle of Waterloo, while the altar or bar itself is currently going through a cocktail phase and is bung with recipes from everything from Pina Colada to Blue

Odd, isn't it, church reno vations are meticulously listed while pub alterations are ignored? Yet the archaeological chronology of pubs is just as interesting, we muse, as we are thrown out at closing time and prepare to perambulate Kington

St Michael. Coming soon, I

Brothers in big basiness: Osborne (standing) and Little West Kington.

Making millions by going to the wall Osborne and Little are the men Little. "There is just pure

paper a pasting. They trans-formed it from being just something with which to paper over the cracks into an art form. Among the cognoscenti, their partnership is synonymous with the likes of Turnbull & Asser and Formum & Mason.

Now, the kitchen-table industry of the 1960s which was started with just £4000, mostly borrowed from family and friends, is about to go public (on February 7) with an expected Stock Exchange rating of between £5 million and £10 million.

Floating the company they

have nurtured since its modest inception was no easy decision for 41-year-old brothers-in-law Peter Osborne and Antony Little. They were well aware of the loss of freedom and increased pressures it would entail. In the end, they decided to follow the successful-examples of The Body Shop whose Stock Exchange listings, according to Osborne, gave it "enhanced status and prestige resulting in escalating sales".

In fact, during their compara-

tively brief professional life-time, Osborne and Little have already achieved all three. They have papered the walls of the world's aristocratic and élite from the Sultan of Oman to the regenerated Gleneagles Hotel. Their sales have rocketed from 3000 rolls of wallpaper in 1969 to 385,000 last year, of which exactly one quarter was ex-

And, from making a loss of £1,000 in their first year with a turnover of £23,000, the profit turnover £4 million.

Such glittering achievements

who gave conventional wall- determination I used to believe that you either had it or hadn't but now I realize that everything has to be polished again perfectionist - I have to work hard at it. I did our first range of wallpapers in about a week. Now it takes me between six months and a year to design a collection." Even so, that first range won

the firm a much-coveted award from the Council of Industrial The story began in 1967

when Little, a printer's son from North Wales who was married Osborne's sister, was working as a freelance interior designer for 1960s-style companies such Osborne, an Oxford-educated

baronet, had spent an exeruciatingly boring year as a trainee in a merchant bank and was thinking of opening an antiquarian bookshop. Little agreed to share the rent

with him in order to display the wallpaper designs he was screen-printing on his kitchen table. Realizing that there was a huge gap in the wallpaper market which consisted almost entirely of old-fashioned, massproduced styles. Little was experimenting with bold avant garde designs. They rented a converted

locksmith's shop in Knights-bridge for £27 a week and handprinted their designs on reels of photographers' backdrop paper which they cut up and sold for 29 shillings a roll. The COID award resulted in

their first commercial breakfor 1984 was £700,000 and the through when a leading American interior designer ordered 500 pattern books and 50 rolls are the result of a combination of wallpaper which took them of inspiration and sheer hard almost a year to produce. The work. There is no such thing as American, who heads a firm genius", says design director called Clarence House, is still



their biggest customer as well as

acting as their agent in New York The inspiration for their elegant and imaginative designs

frequently comes from sources as unlikely as the rotting walls of Sicily which Little discovered 11 Hanker (5) on holiday, or yellow lichen on, grey Cotswold stone. Yet, they deliberately ensure that there is no obvious Osborne & Little style. "That way you reach a wider market"

says Osborne With their Stock Exchange debut, they are now considering going into other areas of home furnishings such as bed linen. But, although they have un-doubtedly come a long way from the early days when they did everything themselves from packing the wallpaper to check-

not to everyone's taste. Prince Charles, for instance recently turned down all the Osborne & Liule samples selected by his interior designer in favour of something a little more conventional.

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A womb with a man's-eye view inal plans for the formation of the British College of Obse-tricians and Gynaecologists

the course of a shooting party in the fells of North Lancashire in the early 1920s. The symbolic overtones of this tweed-knickerbockered scene are not missed by Ann Oakley, who misses very little and who goes on to point out that there were nine signaturies to the articles of association and all of them were men.

This is a cool and clever book which will annoy a lot of people, particularly those the Lord did not equip for child-hearing, since the history of medical care of pregnant women is also the expose of men's unrelenting bossiness. (Could it really be, as some psychiatrist suggested, that male obstetricians' zeal is the result of an ungratified childhood curiosity to know where babies come from?) Men's urge to interfere anyway is nothing new. Even in the 18th century the most confident manuals of advice for expectant mothers tended to have men as authors. Men such as John Grigs. self-defined "Surgeon to Pauper-Charity in Bath and late of His Majesty's Navy" as well as "Practitioner in Midwifery": poor

Some of these male commentators on female reproduction allowed their scientific detachment to go haywire in, for instance, their colourful and lyrical descriptions of the signs of pregnancy, the reproductive tissues being seen as activated by a "prodigious power of fecundation" proceeding from "the male in contu". Quite so.

One of the things which may well surprise the reader of this carefully around breakly interesting surprise.

argued, hugely interesting survey is that in the 18th and 19th centuries formal antenatal care was almost non-existent. Attitudes to pregnancy were wonderfully casual. Professional diagnosis was very rarely bothered with in Britain until the 18th century, and then only among the upper classes.

in 1834 even the experts were maintaining that the surest way of diagnosing pregnancy was to wait until the term of nine months was complete. Ann Oakley contrasts this period of faith and hope with a modern climate in which Mother

Fiona MacCarthy

THE CAPTURED WOMB A History of the Medical Care of Pregnant Women By Ann Oakley Blackwell (15.50

Nature is increasingly mistrusted and the fruits of the womb come under a (mainly male) medical surveillance. The medicalization of pregnancy is an issue with wide implications in relation to the medicalization of life in general and specific relevance to feminism since the fact - a point arresting in its very obviousness - it is only women who BET Dreenwel

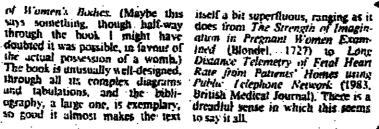
in her account of the past 80 years activity, as male doctors created the profession of obstetrics, she describes a kind of Boys' Own world of keenness and adventure, Women's wombs, until then mysterious territory, were explored by means of speculum and endoscope, their contents monitored by ultrasonic sound waves, until the obstetricians knew more about the factus than the prospective mothers did themselves. All this was very stimulating for the doctors, who were easily betrayed into most tacties; phrascology -There is not much difference after all" claimed Ian Donald, Professor of Midwifery at Glasgow, whose male charvinistic prose is a red rag to Ms Oakley – "between a focus in utero and a submarine at sea."

The question of why women have by no means all availed themselves

of the ante-natal care on offer is a crucial one, and one which has exasperated observicions and occupred the hours of many medical research units. Ann Oakley finds the reasons altogether obvious. There has been little relation between what doctors have said ante-natal care ought to consist of and the level of care which has actually materialized. Furthermore, no one has seriously thought of asking women what they want (or do not want) from ante-

natal care.
This is an academic book, at an academic price, but it is I think in most ways more humane and more convincing than Edward Shorter's recent more overtly popular History

doubted it was possible, to favour of the actual presention of a womb.) The book is unusually well-designed, through all its complex diagrams and tabulations, and the bibliography, a large one, is exemplary,





Pole-axed on the ice: a divine stubbornness

In September 1953, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, the Primate of Poland, was arrested by secret police and imprisoned in a remote monastery, 'I had feared that I would never thare this honour, which had befullen all my seminary col-leagues", Wyszynski notes on the first day of his internment. "They had all experienced concentration camps and prisons." Suddenly and completely cut off from the outside world, guarded by surly secret policemen (one "reminiscent of a Nazi noncom") in bare, freezing quarters, Wyszyński was given a convicted priest and nun for company. They were to spend almost three years together, before the Primate returned in triumph to Warsaw in the "Polish October" of

As a record of their outward life his Prison Notes are immediately accessible, touching and inspiring. The solitary and middle-aged Cardinai was obviously a little tried by the nun, who spent much time in the kitchen "where there were very loud conversations and laughter with the housekeeper", as he joss testily, "Because my room was right over the kitchen, I could not help hearing all those noises. I often reminded Sister not to waste her time in conversation but to study and read. Yet together they plainly managed to improvise a real religious community, with a regular nonastic timetable, intensive prayer, and Masses High and Low, On Easter Sunday, 1955. Wyszynski marks the contrast between the captives' "singing and joy", and the glum silence of their captors, "We stopped for a moment at the desk of the guard on duty. We implored him to light off sorrow, since it was not proper for victors to wear such glum faces. And, we added, everything on earth is resurrecting . . . He smiled with antiseptic caution.

The Primate himself emerges as a man of divine stubborness, losing no chance to explain to his guards how his basic rights have been violated, that this was just like a concen-tration camp, that "You covered my windows with blotting paper so that people would not see the Primate of Poland; but no one will be able to **Timothy Garton Ash**

A FREEDOM WITHIN The Prison Notes of Cardinal Wyszyński Translated by Barbara Krzywicki-Herburt and Walter J. Ziemba Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95

shield these windows from the world", and so on, until his gaolers retreat to "consult higher auth-ortnes". Yet there is no assurance of certhly victory. Wyszyński's notes are a vivid reminder of how close the Polish Church came to institutional demolition under the double onslaught of Nazism and Stalinism. There was nothing inevitable about its resurrection as the great autonomous institution it is loday. In large measure this was Wyszyński's personal achievement, based (as he here records) on a careful historical analysis of the fate of the Churches elsewhere in Eastern Europe, and a fine ethical under-standing of the limits of permissable compromise with the powers-that-be, it was the mixture of principled stubborness and readiness to compromise which made his personal greatness.

Yet the largest part of A Freedom: Wathin is neither a contribution to prison literature, nor a slice of political history, but an intimate record of one Christian's spiritual life in a time of trial. The difficulty of reading this spiritual record comes not from the translation. which is very faithful (in all senses), but from the very stuff of the teligous experience which it attempts to convey. Someone brought up in the cold light of northern protestantism may just follow him when he talks in prayer to Christ about his enforced poverty: "A week before my arrest you asked me, in such a distinct voice." Would you know how to be poor." I answered then, I think so, Christ, I now answer your question with my daily life." But can we follow him in his passionate, daily conversation with the Virgin Mary, Mary Mother of God and Queen of Poland?

When Irish Is are writing youth, instability, and con-fusion Mrs Mandy, whose shop

Irish history is for Englishmen to remember and Irishmen to forget; but when the history of 20th century literature comes under scrutiny by fature generations, or little green men, or even critics, it will be seen even more clearly than it is now that the Irish short story in English has a front-desk place among the instruments of fiction.

Again and again, in hands more Again and again, in many avereign lrish, on the whole, but always identifiably Hibernian, it demands and deserves high respect: a means of story-telling

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as potent as the English Novel. "No-one says that but it is true." K Arnold Price's stories, all but one set in in wonderful inevitability: that grace achieved, usually, only by writers whose artistic sensibilities, welded to a capacity for relentless work, are held in balance with their determination to conceal both. Prose and dialogue here skim lightly as the midge across calm. reflecting surfaces of deep secrecy barely rippled by nostalgia. You do not have to be Irish to recognise a gimlet Irish eye for sentence structure; Irish ears tuned to degrees of social distinction unimaginable in clumsy English speech, sir, Irish discretion applied as splint to fractured sexual morality; and that peculiarly Irish crime, Melancholy with Violence.

A sequence of seven stories, linked and locked together in ways reminiscent of the most scrious work of Somerville and Ross, chart the first-person excitements, observations and slowly drained innocence of a mid-20th century boy growing up, up, and away from roots in Ireland's small landed gentry and the small-mesh network of neigh-

Eight further stories shake a

Fifty years ago to anyone interested in literature the name Robert Bridges meant a lot. This is so no longer. Bridges is now so neglected that the Oxford University Press has let his works go out of print. It should know better. Bridges is one of the finest English poets of the last hundred years, his only contemporary rivals Hardy, Yeats, and Hopkins, and, at his best, equal to any of them.

His genius shows itself primarily in his mastery of his instrument. "What led me to poetry," he says somewhere. was the inexhaustible satisfac-tion of form . . . I did not suppose that the poet's emotion was in any way bener than another's." As a matter of fact his emotions were not the same as those of other persons; his choice of subject matter discloses a strong individual idiosyncrasy. This appears in

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FICTION

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THE CAPTAIN'S PARAMOURS By K. Arnold Price Hamish Hamilton, £8.95 MADE FOR EACH OTHER By Virginia Ironside Hamish Hamilton, £7.95

kaleidoscope at random through prismatic patterns in an Ireland which, though modern, is still a very long way from show marriage in suburban Dublin; a thwarted country courtship the friendship of two girls, one a butterfly tease, the other quiet and conscientious and the lad who, loving one and marrying the other, "felt the marrying the other, "felt the blessed assurance of a long life with her in which she would be a loving faithful wife and he a loving unfaithful husband."

Salesgiris in a fashion boutique, confident in their chattering, narcissistic nest, find themselves uncomfortable with, even demoralized by a cuckoo colleague quiet, but classy. "Like a good balled every tale had its convincing, circumstan-tial plan and a due share of elliptical dialogue. The listener's intelligent participation was assumed." (It is not often in this column that an author seems actually to anticipate the reviewer). Everywhere the tone is gentle, the glance sidelong, the humour poised on a high wire of somow,

These stories have their own "achieved maturity, an achieved equilibrium" as impressive as the imperturbable. unhurried adult characters and characteristics used to highlight go round.

Whither, O neglected old poet?

David Cecil

THE SELECTED LETTERS OF ROBERT BRIDGES Edited by Donald E. Stanford Associated University Presses, £42.95

his feeling for landscape; no other of our poets describe the English scene quite as he does and few as well. Generally it is style. the rural scene: but a poem like "London Snow" show his urban pictures as equally unforget-

unmistakable His words simply strike one as any poet whose works are worth the right words: only on reading.

reflection does one realise that they are words no one else

sells socks, or a new bucket, or paraffin — "everything the dwellers in the village or the townland might need" – has "a

voice always so quiet that it didn't break the silence." So has

K. Arnold Price.
Fearlessly, Virginia Ironside grabs death, and grief, and sex, and love by the scruff of their

respective necks in a recklessly

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and sign a treaty of mutual co-

operation called Made For Each

Other. For want of negotiating finesse rather than intensity of

is a pity: better jaw, jaw than

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She has perceived that mag-

netic attraction and magnetic

affinity, which are not the same

thing in chemistry, are not the same thing in the chemistry of human response, either. This first-person account of Viola

Even coming to terms, more or

less, with that discovery, in the course of an affair embarked

upon partly to short-circuit the

process of mourning for her

dead mother, partly to exorcize

the spirit of a mother as much

envied as loved, partly in

childish defiance of both, shows

writing skills which give no

cause for alarm or despondency.

peril and to the peril of the novel, is that death, and grief,

and sex, and love are more than

powerfully human. They share a

superhuman common denomi

nator: mystery. In a narrative

which leaves so little - so very

little - sexual activity to the

imagination, there is not much

mystery to start with; and not

enough - not nearly enough - to

The problem, ignored at our

Ironside to resign in disgrace.

would have chosen. Pleasure in his poetry leads naturally to an interest in the man who wrote it. Up till now we have not been able to learn much about Bridges: he did not approve of such questions and took pains to see they got no answers. This was because he thought the questioner had no right to ask them not because he had anything to hide. To know what he was like therefore we must turn to those who remember him. Those accounts depict him as an impressive personality, and of an unexpected kind. The author of these reticent, subtle poems was a grand bearded figure, magnificently handsome in a rugged

His letters, in two stout volumes, might be expected to help us to know the man more intimately. But most of the The sentiment of Bridges' letters are no more than brief poctry is also very much his communications about practiown. Sad or happy, light or cal and impersonal matters, serious, it is marked by a noble, unilluminated by confidences, unselfpitying acceptance of let alone by confessions. The what fate has brought him result is that though these which give it an unusual, volumes, admirably edited by individuality. Professor Stanford, will be All the same, Bridges was right essential reading for any future not to think his actual outlook scholar studying Bridges, the time in the spring or summer of original. His achievement general reader must still be 1941 he gave an oral order for rather is that with an art content to look for the man inexquisitely unobtrusive he ex- his poems. But perhaps this is presses feelings shared by many. the wisest course to take with record; because only by convict- ing and photograph and the

O Yes, the Führer knew all about it

Philip Howard

HITLER AND THE FINAL SOLUTION By Gerald Fleming Hamish Hamilton, £12.95

This book dem laborious and painful detail that from the beginning Hitler wanted to exterminate the Jews of Europe. This might seem to the plain man as much of a work strating that a black mamba is venomous. It is necessary because the revisionist "functionalist" school of German historians, echoed by David living in this country, have been arguing that the Nazis stumbled into genocide by accident rather than ideology. It is easier for these simple souls to believe in cock-up than demonic con-

These black and secret matters are difficult to prove by documents. The Führer used code (eine Sprachregelung) to unicate delicate matters to his closest colleagues, in a masterpiece of camoullage that they enjoyed like wicked schoolboys. But we know that evacuation and elimination were euphemisms. "Disinfection" meant gassing. And "on orders from the highest level" or on the

The Reader in German at the University of Surrey has as-sembled the documentary and

highest orders meant You Know



oral evidence for the prosecution with remarkable diligence, from Russian archives at Riga. He writes like cold saperkraut. His text is repetitious, full of undigested quotation, manages like the Nazis to dress

horror in bureaucratic banality. But he is not in business to give us an elegant read. He proves beyond reasonable doubt that Hitler knew jolly well what was going on; that he planned it from the start; and that at some the Final Solution to be put into effect. It needs to be put on the ing the beast in man can we accompanying notes are really hope to stop it happening again, interesting. The translation is

This is the second volume of George F. Kennan's three-part study of the Franco-Russian alliance from its making in the early 1890s to its collapse with the Russian revolution. The

complete authority the central paradox of what Kennan calls an alliance of significance, destined to play an important part in determining the alignment of forces in the First World War." The paradox lay in the

flimsy, secretive nature of the alliance, just a military convention confirmed by the two governments, which yet committed the partners to automatic mobilization if Germany, Austria or Italy began to mobilize either singly Franco-Russian agreement became inter-twined with the Franco-Russian Balkan rivalries of the great powers it led to the events of August 1914.

Initially, Kennan brings out the formal reasons which drew Paris and St Petersburg together in the early 1890s. The French saw a Russian alliance as a means of inflicting a salutary defeat on Germany. The Russians envisaged the agree-

Historian of the old order's demise

David Rees

THE FATEFUL ALLIANCE France, Russia and the Coming of the First World War

By George F. Kennan

Germany off their backs "while Austrians and the British." But the real prime mover of this strange alliance was the enigmatic figure of the Tsar Alexander III. By 1890 the Tsar's long-standing dislike of German influence in his empire had congealed into a belief that a Franco-Russian victory over Germany would mean the disappearance empire..."It king". Bismarckian empire..."It would break up into a number

used to be," According to the Russian foreign minister, Giers, the Tsar assumed that "when he has taken care of the great Germany, he will be master of the world." Kennan notes that the shift in

Russian policy from an under-

standing with Germany to an actual alliance with France was already apparent by the summer of 1891. When a French naval squadron visited Cronstadt in July the "general social and political frenzy" was such as the city of Petersburg had never seen "and would never see again". The climax of the festivities was reached at a huge gala dinner given by the Tsar at his summer palace at Peterbof. Here Alexander III "electrified Europe by standing bare-headed while the orchestra played the Marseillaise, the marching song ... of those who a hundred years before had beheaded a

All this gave some political ment as a way of keeping of small weak states, the way it sanction for the military con- dissolution.

vention, negotiated in secrecy. which was signed in August 1892 and confirmed by the two governments some sixteen months later. But the Tsar's wish for an alliance with France against Germany was no isolated assertion of the imperial will. It was Alexander III who inspired the construction of the Trans-Siberian railway as a means of asserting Russian influence in the Far East. Yet this massive diversion of Russian resources to the East culminated in the Russo-Japa-nese war, "a disaster from which the value of Russia, as an alliance partner for France, was never fully to recover".

Kennan writes that formerly the dynastic wars of the European powers had been But the military thinking behind the Franco-Russian alliance called for total war for total victory, a twentieth century concept. Such precepts were literally fatal for the Russian autocracy, the eventual showdown based on these ideas initiated the era in which we still live. Hence Kennan's study is a classic case-history of the old order of European diplomacy as it approaches its

Sermons in stones

Jacob Burkhardt's Architecture of the Italian Renaissance has been around for more than a hundred years. Now for the first time it has been done into English by James Palmes, and edited by Professor Peter Muitay.

In his introduction Professor Murray, quoting a nine-year-old friend, who divides books into reading books and looking books, finds Burkhardt neither one nor the other.

As a text it has short statements, and sometimes brief essays, containing much that is interesting interspersed with intense bursts of reference which pin one down like machine-gun fire. As a coffeetable book it lacks sumptuousness; its illustrations are richly informative rather than luxurious. It is certainly not a book for the general reader, but the specialist will find it a splendid source of information. If the specialist is anything but young he will already have studied Burkhardt and his references in German. Even in the English edition everyone needs some Latin and Italian. But it will be hard-going. Burkhardt's references are not easy to follow. For example, it is not always clear whether he is referring to the works of Vasari in the original or to one of the later editions of Vasari's work by Milanesi, or even the nine-volume edition by Gaerano Milanesi.

This is not a straightforward narrative unfolding Italian Renaissance architecture like a broad carpet. Burkhardt classifies the results of his prodigious reading by patrons, clients, dilettanti and master-builders. He passes from them to examples of each and every type of building, repeatedly returning to his fantastic lists of notes and references.

The book has a wealth of illustration in wood-cut, engrav-

Gontran Goulden THE ARCHITECTURE OF

THEITALIAN RENAISSANCE By Jacob Burkhardt Edited by Peter Murray Secker & Warburg, £30

fascinating, not as a narrative, but in the succulent tit-bits to be picked from the bones of Burkhardt's scholarship. For example: in a references to Palladio on the design of extend at least a foot, at the most one and a half feet, after eleven or thirteen steps (the number must be odd, so that one begins and ends on the right foot) a rest should be intro-duced." On Roman patrons: "The spendthrift nephew of Pope Pius II introduced the earliest known ventilating system at a princely reception in his palace - admittedly a merely temporary device with bellows." Swiss born and German

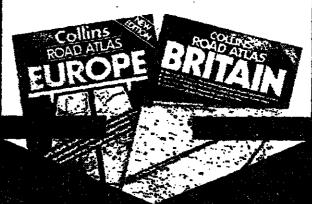
trained Jacob Burkhardt (1818-1897) laid down solid foun-dations for his Italian Renaissance art, but was not able to build on them. It had been his intention to fill in the gaps in his greatest work The Civilization of the Italian Renaissance (first published in 1860, first English edition 1878) with volumes on the art of the Renaissance. But this was not to be. He appears to have read so much in the primary and secondary sources on Italian architecture then available that he was not able to produce more than the bones in note

New editions and reprints of Burkhardt's work have continued up to 1932. Now Professor Murray has edited, corrected and added to this English edition of his Italian Renaissance Architecture, Reading it is still hard work.

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THE TIMES **DIARY**

Surprise

party
With applications for the post of general secretary due by tomorrow. Labour party headquarters are again awash with rumour, intrigue and manipulation. At the eleventh hour, Roy Hattersley and the forces of the right have persuaded Post Office Engineers leader Brian Stanley 10 throw his hat in the ring. Alex Ferry, right-wing leader of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, has meanwhile decided not to stand, realizing he cannot win. The application of General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union research officer Larry Whitty is expected at Walworth Road today. Scottish secretary Helen Liddell filled out her forms on Tuesday. After a collection for the collection of the co Tuesday. After a call yesterday from his-backer Ken Livingstone, who has been canvassing the left. Peter Hain has dropped out. Neil Kin-nock's new technology adviser. Alan Thomas. has also withdrawn: standing in his place is the more overtly political ASTMS national negotiator Roger Ward, who has been working with Thomas on computerising Walworth Road. Rumours also about of approaches from "a mystery businessman". There's still time to join the fun. In 1982 Jim Mortimer, the outgoing general secretary, decided to stand

with only 36 hours to go. Readers discerning a suddenly sharpened focus in Beliast Telegraph leaders might put it down to New-Year staff redeployments: the leader writing team now comprises Messrs White, Black and White. They have to clear their expenses through a Mr

Moor means less

Cornwall County Council may be about to return unopened a gift from Prince Charles. To celebrate the birth of his second son, the Prince in his capacity as Duke of the Duchy of Cornwall presented the council with Kit Hill on Bodmin Moor. Councillors were appropriately moved by his generosity until they learnt that the hill needs £37,000 spent immediately on scrub clearing and fencing, and will cost nearly £12,000 a year to keep up. "What gets up my nose", exploded Liberal councillor John Scannell, "is that the Duchy retains the mineral rights."

Upshot

The plummeting pound seems to have escaped the Prime Minister's notice. To Liberal MP David Alton. concerned that each cent fall adds £40m to the cost of Trident, she wrote on Tuesday that the weapons would cost £8.7bn. She quotes an exchange rate for the pound of

Many questions

Tories on the Foreign Affairs Select

Committee who were keen to conclude its all-too-revealing investigation into the Belgrano sinking have been outmanoeuvred. Labour members of the committee yester-day put down a formal motion asking for further questions to be sent to Mrs Thatcher, Lord Lewin. Michael Heseltine and others about inconsistencies in evidence. Had the Tories opposed the motion it would have to have been recorded in the final report and they would have been vunerable to accusations of blocking the investigation of legitimate issues. Thus prolonged, the investigations may now have to consider a whole new can of worms: evidence thrown up at the Ponting trial later this month.



Look, honey, some of those cute little pounds'

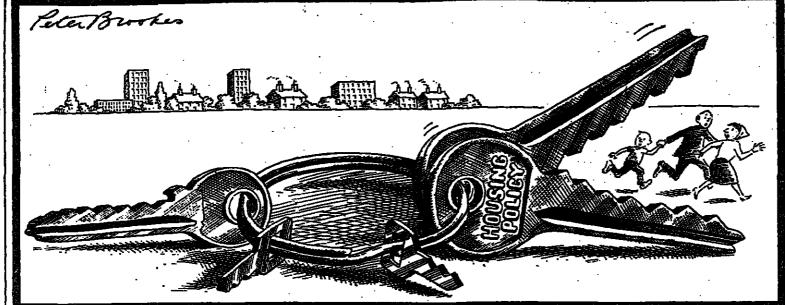
Iron to gilts

While the Duchess of Bedford still has her Times ironed every morning I hear that her son, Didier Milinaire, manager of Burkes, has begun a new tradition. His secretary's first task each morning is to post The Times portfolio numbers on the notice board for the covenience of the

Indian summer

President Reagan is doubtless chuffed that India's new Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, has agreed to visit the US in June. He should temper his delight, however, Diplo-matic sources tell me that Moscow has beaten Washington to the post and that Gandhi is to visit the Soviet capital in April, The reason Moscow has not trumpeted the news is the usual one; no one knows if President Chernenko will be well

Neil McIntosh points to a ready-made basis for more and better housing



Bias that keeps people from the door

different problems for tenants, as recent experience in Liverpool

When the Militant-led council took over Liverpool in 1983, one of its first actions was to reject a number of tenants' cooperatives in favour of old-style municipal housing. Those working-class commuties were being told in essence that the council would not allow them to use their collective energies and abilities to improve their circumstances, lest they steal a march over even less well-off people. All tenants were to be reduced to the lowest common denominator and would then have to rely on the city council to improve conditions.

Many Labour councils would still contend that the injection of adequate public funds would ensure that there was enough housing to go round, and that the unpleasantly bureaucratic aspects of housing would disappear.

This is partly explained by tendencies of successive governments to heap on homebuyers more and more financial privileges. But assuming the vast sums required were made available, places such as Liverpool demonstrate the Systems of tenure cannot exist in isolation and every new government inducement to buy a house makes weakness in this argument. Even renting one less attractive. But where there is enough housing there pressure on the private rented sector will still be queues because nobody has also meant that renting has wants to be left in the worst council become almost synonymous with

ment in housing helps no one - least of all the homeless. Tenants are not interested in whether funds to build and improve their homes come from the state or the private sector. They are interested only in a good service

and the level of rent.

The traditional assumption has been that private landlords do not provide a good service. But the description "private landlord" could mean any of four things: resident landlords, small commercial landlords, commercial institutions or non profit-making private bodies such as housing associations.

Resident landlords operate largely outside the Rent Act and should continue to do so. The relationship between landlord and lodger/tenant is a personal one and any move to suggest otherwise would simply discourage such lettings. A simple, inexpensive and sure way regaining possession is regrettably the only way of retaining this useful although marginal source of accommodation.

commercial landlords should not play a large part in our future housing plans. Their management record is poor but the main argument against them, in a situation where consensus is important, is that the public image typified by Rachman rules them out, however unfairly in many cases.

As long as institutions, profitmaking or otherwise, are willing to be policed in some way, the element of competition which a new type of commercial landlord could provide would be worth encouraging. But housing associations already provide a fully operational, largely non-con-troversial network capable of man-aging housing. At their best, they demonstrate the nonsense of assuming that public or collective enterprise must be the prerogative of the state. All they need is to be weaned away from their present

At present the associations are largely funded by the Housing Corporation's £700m budget. That money could become the bedrock that could persuade private insti-tutions to put their risk capital into rented housing. If Housing Corporation funds could be thus multiplied the existing council sector, much of which desperately needs investment, could then be improved.

Some of these suggestions have been proposed within the Depart-ment of the Environment. The Treasury has responded coolly, largely because it is obsessed with the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement, and it is also reported to have cited the difficulty of getting sufficient bipartisan agreement.

It is true there are those for whom no investment is preferable to private investment. We can no longer afford to let those negative voices prevail.

The author is a former director of

Free speech for the hard sell

Tomorrow the business world discusses Television can cross borders, but should it be able to do so? The European business community is beginning to apply pressure to free the barriers which currently prevent some television material, principally boundaries.

These restrictions are dizzvingly arbitrary. Italy forbids television advertisements for pet foods or boats. France will not tolerate commercials for margarine or the Britain, through Broadcasting Independent Authority, keeps marriage brokers, undertakers and a number of "unacceptable products" off the

screen. Belgium and Denmark ban

Britain's housing stock is deteriorat-

ing and housing investment is appallingly low. Yet somehow the Government has not suffered as a

result of its housing failures. Indeed

winner. The reasons are many, but at least one is that the Government's

opponents fight with one hand tied behind their backs.

The Government's performance has been woeful not because it wants

to see a switch from public to

private investment in housing but

because it has failed to create the

conditions in which that can

happen. Conversely the arguments

of many Government critics have

been weakened by insistence that

salvation can only come through state investment in largely state-

managed housing. This has the added result of creating a sterile debate in which every initiative,

labelled either "public" or "private".

meets with strong opposition. Since

continuity is a prerequisite to attracting new private investment, no progress is made.

People on low, variable incomes

need to rent. Home ownership is

unlikely to be available to them, particularly in the high-cost south. But rented accommodation, a form

of tenure which ought to combine

easy access and mobility, has been

made less convenient, more expens-

ive and more difficult to find.

sees housing policy as a vote

advertising altogether.

The EEC Commission in Brussels wants to iron out these differences. It would like to develop a common market in television and end practices such as Belgium's of trying to force cable television operators to black out commercials shown on programmes taken from other countries. In time, the commission pan-European channels would develop, creating not only a wider market for EEC goods but also

a new European identity.

The commission's aim is to establish a common code. A total ban on tobacco advertising would probably be included, along with a partial ban on some forms of advertising alcohol. But all member governments except Luxembourg oppose such a code.

But no new action by the EEC may be needed to remove many products and services from such blacklists. In a legal opinion prepared by two British barristers.

EEC plans for 'television without frontiers'. Brenda Maddox outlines the arguments Article 10 of the European Conven-

tion on Human Rights - signed by Britain and 17 other countries gives grounds for striking down many of the restrictions. The article states: "Everyone has

the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and import information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of fron-

This guarantee, in the opinion of Anthony Lester, QC and David Pannick, a Fellow of All Souls. covers statements made through the media inviting commercial transactions in other words, advertising. "In western democracies with market economies", they argue, "the free flow of such information is vital to the ability of consumers to make informed decisions about the various products and services available to them.

There is nothing obscure in the wording of Article 10. It states clearly that the only restrictions that may be placed on freedom of expression are narrow and specific: those necessary for the protection of national security, health, morals, the reputation of others or of infor-mation received in confidence. These do not seem to leave room for all the grounds on which most EEC countries restrain their commercials. such as a wish to protect cultural

integrity, the stability of public-service broadcasting, the financial viability of the press, or simply the old media against the new.

Deciding whether or not individual rights under the Convention have been violated by national laws is the job of the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg. If this court continues to broaden its interpretation of Article 10, and strike down excessive restrictions on freedom of speech, as it did when it upheld The Sunday Times against the British government in the thalidomide case, then it may not be long before restrictions on commercials are challenged. Britain could once again find itself in the dock.

There are signs, however, that freedom of commercial speech in Europe may be an idea whose time has come. One was a decision last June by the US Supreme Court that the State of Oklahoma could not require cable systems to black out commercials for wine on the television programme they carried from outside the state. The Federal Communications Commission rule requiring the unimpeded flow of information between the states, the court ruled, took precedence over Oklahoma's law banning advertise-ments for alcohol. This opinion, although American, will have an impact on the EEC, which is trying to develop laws on federal-state

Another encouraging sign is the growth of cable and satellite technologies. Television which crosses national boundaries is on the increase and attempts to isolate viewers are increasingly futile.

Above all, the demand freedom of information and expression is gaining ground. It will not be stopped and, when frustrated, will increasingly turn to the European courts for relief. There are two such cases pending. The Court of Human Rights is to decide soon whether or not a West German veterinarian's rights to free expression were violated when a professional body penalized him for publicising his clinic in a newspaper interview.

The second, at the EEC Court of Justice in Luxembourg, will soon decide whether French law can force French filmmakers to withhold their products from video cassettes for a full year while cinemas have a chance to show them.

If both are resolved with reference to Article 10 it will be a sharper instrument than ever before and well on its way towards becoming Europe's long-overdue approxi-mation of America's First Amendment. Many restrictions on the press and free speech (even if the speaker is a civil servant) could then begin to fall away.

This evolution of Article 10, in step with a new multiplicity of television channels, is in my view the most exciting development in communications today.

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Bhopal: was cyanide the culprit? victims it will be necessary to show

To the casual eye Bhopal seems to have returned to normal after experiencing the world's worst ever industrial disaster. A reasonably pretty town set around two lakes on an archipelago of low hills, it was a former princely capital, whose royal family is presently headed by the cricketing Nawab of Pataudi.

But while the town, the state of Madhya Pradesh, and India itself seem to be absorbing the horror inflicted on December 3 new information with far-reaching implications is beginning to emerge. It is now becoming clear that

those who died in their sleep, or gasping for breath, soon after the incident, died of cyanide poisoning. Other explanations had inconsistencies which were difficult to explain. It was suggested that the escaping gas, methyl isocyanate, was so caustic that it simply corroded the lung linings of those affected, who would then have died from lack of oxygen as their lungs filled with fluid

- a process known as chemical pneumonia or pulmonary oedema. But this theory does not explain why so many people died so quickly. Pulmonary oedema takes hours to develop. Some doctors say it will not show up for eight hours, and it may not kill for 24. The symptomatic treatment given by doctors all over Bhopal that night and on subsequent days was adequate to combat this threat. By giving doses of cortisone

to repair lung tissues and anti-bodies to fend off infection they saved many thousands of lives.

Information now emerging about the post mortem examination of more than 700 victims raises further doubts. If someone dies of lack of oxygen - anoxia - the blood and tissues take on a distinctly blue tinge. But as Professor Hiresh handra, head of forensic medicine at Bhopal's Gandhi Medical College. told a recent meeting of the Indian were a cherry-red colour.

The professor's findings were paralleled by those of the Indian Council for Agricultural Research, which noted that affected farm animals also gave cherry red blood samples. This colour can come from carbon monoxide poisoning, unlikely in the open air as carbon monoxide kills in enclosed spaces. It poisoning. In order to prove that it was cyanide that killed the Bhopal

According to evidence from an American scientist given much currency by the factory owners, Union Carbide, methyl isocyanate is distinct from cyanide and is not absorbed into the blood. It is

been experimentally tested only outside the body. According to The Handbook of Emergency Toxicology by Dr Sidney Kaye, the organic group of thio-cyanates are much more toxic than the inorganic group, and methyl thiocyanate is the most toxic of all. The book suggests that the organic thiocyanates probably convert to cyanide inside the body, and urges treatment for those poisoned by them "as for cyanide".

admitted, however, that this has

There is a further suggestion made by scientists in Bhopal, which will again need experimental testing. It has already been disclosed by the head of India's Council for Indus-

Correction

The fifth paragraph was omitted from Richard Branson's article proceeded to strip away layer upon layer of rules, regulations and yesterday. This section should have bureaucracy. The new American airlines which

read:
. "The contrast between Britain have emerged have proved how much better they satisfy consumers and the USA is spectacular and by growing at breathtaking speed. The old airlines have been jolted salutary. The American government questioned the need for protection into wholly new standards of and privilege in air transport, found efficiency and concern for their customers. no answers beyond the self-interest of the airlines concerned, and

trial and Scientific Research that the disaster was triggered by water somehow entering the tanks where methyl isocyanate was stored. This produced heat of such a temperature

that water sprayed on the tanks turned instantly to steam, and their concrete cladding was shattered by the increase in temperature, allowing the gas to escape. Such heat could also have reached a stem near could also have reached a temperature at which the methyl isocyanate breaks up into its constituent parts. When the tanks blew up, they could have sprayed a huge umbrella of pure hydrocyanic acid over the sleeping citizens, which would have been inhaled constitutions.

simply as cyanide.

If the only threat from methyl isocyanate is a corrosive effect, then inundation is relatively easy to survive - wet towels, damp sprays, staying indoors, and inactivity all help: corrosion of the corneas of victims' eyes, for example, has soon

been cured. But if the gas has reacted inside the body, then long-term effects could be considerable. And if residents are to be subjected to the hazards of one of the deadliest and quickest-acting poisons known, a vast new array of controls will be

In the words of one of the medical experts now in Bhopal: "If methyl isocyanate is not absorbed in the blood, why did they die?"

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Ronald Butt

Mr Lawson's real mistake

The case against Mr Nigel Lawson is The case against Mr Nigel Lawson is not that he was wrong to approve the sharp rise in interest rates. It is that he took unjustified risks by gambling, against all the market signs, on avoiding any rise at all. Before the publication of the most recent money supply figures, there were already clear indications that a rise in interest was being signalled in rise in interest was being signalled in the money markets.

There was also, however, a strong suspicion (though the authorities deny it) that the Bank of England, under Treasury inspiration, was throwing its weight against a rise in the belief that, when the money supply figures were published, the pressure for higher interest would subside because the money supply figures would better than was generally expected.

They were, but confidence was not restored by their publication nor

later by the first interest rate rise last week. The government either had to accept a quite extraordinarily steep plunge in the pound, with its inflationary consequences, or try to intervene against it by uselessly spending reserves, or accept the logic of the market and a still higher rate of interest. It rightly did the last.

Futhermore, it was now vital to make it quite clear that the Chancellor was acting without reluctance and was not hoping to fly in the face of financial realities in order to nudge interest rates down for political purposes. Mr Lawson therefore also invoked the reserve precaution of reactivating minimum ending rate.

Yet the need for this gesture and the continuing fragility of the market's reassurance after it are the best evidence we have of the essential nature of Mr Lawson's miscalculation. With his disdainful attitude towards public reactions, the Chancellor had failed to present his policy convincingly and had also conveyed the impression of unwillingness to put the problems under close scrutiny in the hope that they would go away.

In theory, of course, the policy was simple and comprehensible. The government would use interest rates if the money supply or other domestic factors indicated that this was necessary to contain inflation, but would not encourage interest. rate increases as a response to strictly external pressures, of which the pressure of the dollar on all currencies is the most formidable. This did not mean that it was prepared to see the pound drop to any level because of the strength of the dollar. It was rather a reflection of the government's confidence that essentially sound enough to ensure that the fall would not be unstop-pable, but would rather be self-cor-

recting. The money supply was not out of hand; the growth prospect for the coming year was promising at 3 per cent, and even if productivity is less here than among our principal competitors it is much improved. Why should the markets not take these points?

That the Chancellor should be so confident that the markets would see things his way without more persuasive explanation of the government's thinking and his failure to respond more sensitively to the evident signs that their suspicions were getting out of hand are surprising in a former financial journalist. He should have been aware of what people were thinking and saying and of their suspicions and how should have acted sooner

to counteract them. There was, for instance, the suspicion that Mr Lawson wanted a cheaper pound because the resulting increase in oil revenues would help him to car

By some quite illogical twist of thinking, moreover, the govern-ment's unwillingness to support the ment's unwillingness to support the pound by spending reserves some how became translated into the idea that it would not support it by using interest rates. Again the perfectly sensible position that the government has no fixed level in its mind at which it will defend the pound of them could it have, without (how could it have, without restoring exchange controls?) was transmuted into the idea that there was no level at which the government would support the pound.

Those whose job it is to move

money around the world tend (as Mr Lawson himself put it in the Commons on Tuesday) to play safe and they have not been deaf to the talk of more public spending in a country where inflation is still at 5 per cent. He might have added, and no doubt he thought, that the market was probably all the more inclined to take this seriously because it is increasingly being heard from Conservatives. Besides, money supply anxieties were not likely to be allayed by one month's figures and as the Chancellor has himself admitted in the Commons, there was a feeling that the government might have lost its willingness to maintain its anti-inflation policy.

But whose fault was that? If there was a misapprehension, it was the Chancellor's job to see that it was removed before there was real trouble. The truth is that the markets have been quick to see to the heart of the government's dilemma, which is this. In the last Parliament, the government won support for its anti-inflation policies because it believed that in this Parliament the conquest of the worst of inflation would bring recovery and a fall in unemployment.

Now we have growth, but unemployment remains intractable and if the Chancellor can resist the call for more public spending this evokes he must at least maintain the stimulus of tax cuts. Instinctively the markets also understand that if a precipitously cheapened pound is inflationary, high interest rates may menace the growth which is a political imperative for the govern-ment. It is small wonder that the suspicion grew that a Chancellor so keen to bring down the rate of interest down might fear in any circumstances to put it up.

There is now a new official rationale for explaining that higher interest will not imperil growth.
Interest rates went up last July but improved growth was not checked. Bringing interest down is said to be less important than it was a few years ago because companies are now much more profitable. Yet nobody can seriously doubt that the Government has been caught in a pincer between the pressures on the pound from the US, which makes increase necessary and the political need to prevent the level of interest from damaging recovery. In such an awkward factical situation it was essential that the government should make its priorities clear. The Chancellor's basic policies have not been wrong but he has made their pursuit more difficult by failing to make his thinking clear quickly enough, and expecting the markets to read the facts to suit his way of

John P. Harris

Sour, weak whine of the region

you feel like a sojourn in the sun there may be a home for you down in this part of the south of France where the wine flows freely.

We have a local Protester.

Officially he's a viticulteur, or grapegrower, but he has only a tiny vineyard producing a small output of poorish wine. Protesting, usually called manifesting here, takes up most of his time. He started off as a plonk-mani-

fester and that is still his main manifestation, with recent diversions. He and his boys want the region to carry on producing lakes-full of sour weak wine, for two overt reasons. One, they claim that you can make as much money from surplus wine, withdrawn from the market to be thrown away, as you can from good wine. Two, it's good wine anyway and anyone who says it isn't is a vile reactionary who ought to be made to drink it. The covert reason is that contented people don't make revolutions or do much manifesting: viticulicurs with thousands of gallons of unwanted wine on their hands are not contented but miserable. The Protester first hit the news

some years ago, when a wine-tanker bringing decent Italian wine tied up at the port of Sete. Before it could be pumped ashore to give a bit of body to the unsaleable stuff, the Protester and the boys were on board. manifesting by fouling the wine with diesel oil. The authorities let him alone, and he leapt to fame.

He has met the president, distributed aerosol paint-cans, and orated. Manifesters have derailed trains. blocked motorways, sabotaged wine-vats, captured opposition wine-tankers on the roads and poured their contents into the ditch, manifested at Strasbourg and Brussels and other places where people try to think what to do with the surplus wine, and obliterated sign-posts to annoy tourists.

There's plenty to protest about Not long ago I was taken to task as a Botton, on the grounds that the notices them except for the graffit. Michael Hamlyn | natives in Dublin and Limerick are And those do get cleaned off.

Somewhere in Languedoc groaning under my jackboot, for-Good news for hoarse protesters: if bidden to leave their beleaguered isle, their books censored by Mis. Thatcher, their priests driven underground, their mother tongue banned.

The boys are all for the mother tongue. Older locals here can speak what they call le patois as well as French. It's other name is Occitan, a pleasant language. The manifesters can't speak it at all well, but they study the grammar and compose songs in it: protest songs, about how miscrable everybody is. An able non-manifesting singer recently gave a concert in this language in our village square of his own songs.
Afterwards an old village lady said to me: 'Oh, wasn't it nice! So cheerful, not a bit like those awful

Occitan people!"
The Protester has just been reported in the local press, saying that Spanish Basque separatists would receive a warm welcome down here from him and his boys. "Our decision," said he "is Occitant it is a logical consequence of our meetings with the Basques of Spain, the Picdmontese of Italy and the Peloponnese of Greece ... I didn't snow about the Piedmontese or the Peloponnese, but there's always something to manifest about if you're keen.

Diggers-up of ducal corpses, poisoners of chocolate bars, think of Independent Rutland, Free Dorset, Autonomous Cavey! Reawaken, ye oppressed Scots, Welsh, Cornish and Men of Kent! Prepare your petrol bombs, practice your rude-gesture drill! When you have won your spurs and appeared on TV, come down here for a holiday. It sounds as though it's free.

It's true that the Protester ways you mustn't go in for any political or trade union activity, but perhaps that's just for the record, and you can always keep your head in by felling a plane tree to block a road-Don't let me up anyone off the Languedoc. It's jolly nice down here. there are really very few local manifesters, and normally one never

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REGIME ON TRIAL

It is too soon to say whether the With police like this, who needs trial of the killers of Father gangsters? As in Main trials, the Popieluszko will end as a "coverbut even if it does, the facts that have been uncovered in the course of the cover-up repay close attention. The testimony of the four accused has been confused, contradictory and incomplete - under Polish law they are not obliged to answer any questions, and they are not under oath. None the less, they have pointed a chillingly convincing picture of the world of the secret police in a Communist

In some respect this recalls nothing more than a Mafia "single family". Indeed, it appears that there is a family tradition in the Polish security services, with son following father into the profession. The police "family" looks after its own. Special passes give secret policemen, like fr Popieluszko's killers, immunity from all the usual regulations. They hold themselves above the law. Corruption is rife, as in the Mafia. The defendants have reported conversations about the possibilities of framing, blackmail and kidnapping, as if these were the

question most unlikely to be answered is; who is the God-

If the Communist system was working as it is meant to work, then the Godfather should be a top party leader. But in Poland over the past few years, the Communist system has not been working as it is meant to. The imposition of martial law was proof of this, Subsequently, the general level of state violence has sharply increased. According to the independent Helsinki Committee, more than fifty people have died as a result of police violence since December 1981. A properly functioning totalitarian regime, like neighbouring Czechoslovakia, docs not have to resort to such Latin American methods; it has an adequate array of less crude instruments of coercion, General Jaruzelski has relied on physical coercion more directly than his predecessors.

Yet he has probably endeavoured to reduce this reliance. and to do so by negotiating with the Church. The more he can depend on the Church to appeal everyday stuff of police business. for calm, the less he needs to

depend on tear gas and baton charges. Primate Glemp has been prepared to go some way down this political road with the General but he has exacted a price. The Church is stronger than it has been at any time since the war, and many dergymen feel, like Father Popieluszko, that they have a moral duty to use this strength to sustain the values of Solidarity.

What has emerged most clearly from the courtroom over the last fortnight is the fury of the whole Fourth Department of the Interior Ministry - a department devoted to controlling and combating the Church - at not being able to act against these socalled radical priests. In their diatribes against the Church, the defendants, all of the Fourth Department, spoke with genuine hatred. It is a sobering thought that one of them was responsible for security arrangements during the Pope's visit in 1983. If Gen. Jaruzelski is to regain any scrious confidence with the Church, let alone with public opinion, he will have to abolish the Fourth Department, Otherwise, people may continue to take him for the Godfather.

CELEBRATING THE TRUTH

There are three main reasons the British government is right why the Government is right to change its mind and to celebrate the 40th anniversary of VE Day. First, millions of British citizens fought at home and abroad to make this victory possible. They expect their government to celebrate the culmination of a just and popular war which brought to Western Europe the peace we still enjoy. If it was right to commemorate D-Day how can it be wrong to commemorate VE-Day?

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Baroness Young had originally suggested that there might be a problem with interpreting the role of our then ally, the Soviet Union. But even Pravda called the British government's first decision "strange". The Soviet Union is already gearing up for its own massive cele-bration of the defeat of Nazi Germany, with its own peculiar interpretation of that defeat. The Soviet press is claiming that this was entirely the work of the Red Army: the part of the Western Marshall Stalin is making a comeback for the occasion. A straight line is being drawn from Hitler's mad aggression to the so-called "revanchism" of our present ally, the Federal Republic of Germany.

This is the second reason why

to organize its own commemoration: not to match distortion with distortion, one-sided propaganda with other-sided propaganda, nationalism against nationalism, but to set the record straight. In Britain, unlike the Soviet Union, the past cannot simply be rewritten by order of the State, to suit the political needs of the moment. What we need is an act of remembrance which pays fair tribute to the Soviet Army's immense contribution to defeating Hitler in the years 1941-45, but which also recalls the years of the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact that preceded it - years when we stood alone - and the years of bitter disappointment which succeeded it, as Stalin ruthlessly imposed Soviet rule on the European lands he had "Liberated". One does not need to be a diplomat to understand that this might offend some Russian sensibilities. But to use the occasion solely to recall what united us with the Soviet Union then, perhaps as a symbolic boost to the arms talks, and not what divides us now, would be worse than not to celebrate at all. Only the truth, the whole truth

Finally, we have been urged to still to be achieved.

and nothing but the truth will do

justice to this anniversary.

consider West German sensi bilities. But no less an authority than Manfred Rommel, son of the field marshall and an outstanding Christian Democratic mayor of Stuttgart, has said that this is a misunderstanding. In fact, the West Germans have quite as much reason as any of us to celebrate VE-Day for it brought them peace and liberation from Nazi tyranny. The unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany was the pre-condition for Germany's western rebirth as the stable, liberal and prosperous democracy which it is today. The forthcoming anniversary is therefore the perfect occasion for us to refute the absurd Soviet charges of West German revanchism of a continuity from Hitler's militarism to the Kohl government's democratic committment to Nato or from Nazi designs on Eastern Europe to Bonn's Ostpo-

VE-Day is central to our understanding of Britain's role in Europe and of Europe's view of Britain. It is an occasion for celebrating, together with our West German allies, what has been achieved in Western Europe since the defeat of Nazism. And it is an occasion for reflecting, with a glance at Eastern Europe, how much has

A BREAKTHROUGH IN CYPRUS

Great hopes are vested in difficult for them to leave New could be relied upon to take today's meeting between Presi- York without signing an agreedent Kyprianou and Mr Rauf ment of some sort. They are also Denktas, which seems to offer, aware that if the present process for almost the first time since comes unstuck they are unlikely 1974, the hope of real progress to be offered better terms later. towards a solution of the Cyprus

According to both UN and Turkish Cypriot sources there is already a draft agreement for the two leaders to sign, though admittedly it is in the nature of a framework agreement, leaving much detail to be settled by working parties and/or in further meetings before actual imple-mentation could begin. The Greek Cypriots, who have been put on the defensive by some unexpected Turkish concessions. say they do not know of any one document that is ready for signature. According to them there are actually four documents on the table: a draft agenda first put forward by the UN Secretary-General back in September and only slightly modified since: two "nonmodified since; two "non-papers" (the UN's latest semantic trouvaille) submitted to the Secretary-General by the two sides and containing the substantive concessions; and a paper drawn up at a lower-level meeting in Geneva last week which simply tabulates the points already agreed in earlier phases of the intercommunal talks.

The Secretary-General has publicly given credit to the Turkish Cypriot side for its favourable reaction to all elements of my presentation", whereas last spring he was blaming Mr Denktas for sabotaging the previous UN initiative. The Turks have suddenly become the "good guys" of the diplomatic scene, which means that the pressure is now heavily on the Greek side to abandon their remaining sticking points. The Greek Cypriots know this, and are well aware that it will be be asked which other power term interest.

President Kyprianou has apparently succeeded convincing even those Greek Cypriot parties which opposed him until now that an acceptable agreement is within reach, thereby securing a national consensus on his negotiating strategy. No less important, he has won the support of the Papandreou government in Athens, which was previously contemptuous of the intercommunal negotiation process and sought instead to internationalize the conflict. He has also sought the support of Western governments, particularly the British, for his plea that the agreement should not include a "Turkish guarantee" which would amount in practice to a charter for future Turkish invasions, but must if it is to have any point at all provide for the withdrawal of Turkish troops at an early stage.

The first request is unrealistic. As the Greek Cypriots themselves admit, geography provides a de facto guarantee to the Turkish Cypriots inasmuch as it is practically impossible to stop Turkey intervening if at any time she considers either her own strategic interests or the security of the Turkish Cypriot community to be in peril. On balance it is probably better to have this possibility codified in a treaty than to leave it to the discretion of Turkey's political and military ieaders.

The most the Greek Cypriots can reasonably hope for is to balance it with guarantees from other powers against unwarranted Turkish intervention though after Britain's lamentable performance in 1974 it may well

effective action if it was called

But in insisting on the withconstitutional order.

By contrast the role of UNFICYP, the UN force, has been acknowledged as valuable by both sides. Many Turkish Cypriots by now heartily wish the Turkish army would go home. Perhaps those who still feel they would be unsafe without it would accept a strengthened UNICYP with a significant contingent from other Muslim countries.

The object of the talks must be to achieve a solution enabling Turkish Cypriots to feel secure, as citizens of the new federal republic, without having to rely on the presence of a large occupying force which makes it impossible for their Greek compatriots to feel secure; and a solution allowing sufficient freedom of movement between the two zones for there to be a hope that the two communities will with time grow together rather than continue to grow apart as they have been doing in the last thirty years. If such a solution is on offer the Greek Cypriots should jump at it however unjust the share of power and of territory may seem to them. The unity of the island, on which they are not only the majority but economically the more advanced and the more dynamic community, must surely be their overriding long-

drawal of Turkish troops Mr Kyprianou surely has a valid point. The Turks have always maintained their troops were there only until a solution to the intercommunal conflict could be found. The history of the last quarter-century hardly suggests that the presence on the island of either Greek or Turkish troops, whether official or unofficial, can be regarded as a contribution to

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Changing guard at the Palace

From Mr Robert Elliott

Sir, Presumably Household guards' officers will continue to wear their inoffensive and highly decorative swords when on ceremonial guard duties. Why then should our guardsmen be armed with such an obvinusly offensive and hideous weapon as the new rifle, the SA SO (report, January 11), when they share those same duties?

We British do not need to be cowed with a high-powered machine gun to behave ourselves when we are out sightseeing; a smile and a friendly push from an unamed bobby is usually enough. A friendly clout with a truncheon is acceptable when we know we are being deliberately hostile.

In the same way a rifle used as a harrier - much like a quarterstaff or a helberd - or, at worst, as a threatening spear, is the kind of remonstrance we recognize we descrie when, by accident or design, we step over the guards' picket lines. For this purpose the new rifle is both absurd and grossly over-menacing; even the SLR was a mistake. The short Lee-Enfield Mark IV was ideal and strangely reassuring, and infinitely better as an adjunct to formal drill. It was

also full of honour.
While our servicemen must have the very best weaponry when we go to war, and be superbly expert in its use, when we are at peace then I believe we would all prefer them to look smart, steady, and friendly and in no way like some totalitarian zombies who are ready to mow us down in swithes should we so much as cock a snook at the Leader. Yours faithfully,

R. ELLIOTT.
11 Craigfaulds Avenue. Paisley, Renfrewshire, January 12.

From Mr Martin Spiro Sir, Why should the guards' ceremonial uniform and drill be accompanied by the latest rifle used on active service? Would it not be more logical to return to muzzleloading muskets for these traditional

exercises? Yours faithfully, MARTIN SPIRO. The Red House, Toot Hill, near Ongar, January 13.

Teaching the young

From Mr Gerard F. Sproston Sir, Digby Anderson's article (January 9) appears to suggest that the primary school teacher's unique task is to teach children to read and write, the quicker the better. What of the child's social and

emotional development? What is society expected to do with children capable of passing A-level examinations years before they are mature enough to cope with university or even sixth form life? The rate at which a primary

school child acquires knowledge, of all kinds, not just academic, is determined as much by its natural growth, physical and mental, as by the efficiency of its teachers.

By ignoring these fundamental aspects of the question, Digby Anderson casts doubts not so much on the cost-effectiveness of the country's teachers as on that of the Social Affairs Unit. Yours faithfully,

GERARD F. SPROSTON. 21 Mackenzie Road, Cambridge. January 9.

Growth of cancer From Mr M. Ellis

Sir, Your Science Editor reported (January 7) on the suppression of the cancer link with smoking in the 1950s. In fact the link was established in the 1860s, according to a volume I have published then, called Dictionary of Daily Wants.

Under the entry for "Tobacco smoking" the effect it has upon the health is clearly discussed:
The occurrence of cancer in those who habitually smoke from a short pipe... are notorious; further there is a tendency to disease of the throat and air passages when this indulgence is followed to any great extent.

The habit-forming aspect is also covered in the extensive entry. One wonders how the whole subject lay dormant for so long and why! Yours faithfully.

M. ELLIS, 41 Crespigny Road, NW4. January 8.

Infant burial

From Mr Michael Pawson and the Reverend Roger Thacker Sir, A letter which you published (January 8) from Michael Hull, of Bristol Materaity Hospital, is damagingly inaccurate, Burial, or for

that matter, cremation, is not denied to babies of less than 28 weeks' gestation. The law is neutral on the matter. Whilst insisting on registration and proper burial after 28 weeks it does not prohibit the burial of a child

who died earlier. Since 1975 this hospital has helped parents who have sought burial in consecrated ground to arrange a proper funeral for their dead children. The cemetery authorities simply require a letter from the doctor who attended the mother and child, certifying that the baby was of less than 28 weeks' gestation and did not, therefore, require a registrar's certificate.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL PAWSON (Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist), ROGER THACKER (Assistant Chaplain), Charing Cross Hospital. Fulham Palace Road, W6.

Pay restraint and unemployment

From Mr Tom Ellis

Sir. From the end of the war until 1979 all governments regarded full employment, stable prices and a satisfactory balance of payments as their principal economic objectives. A crucially important factor in achieving this triad was pay restraint. We must not pay restraint. "We must not pay ourselves more than we can afford" became the text of a thousand sermons preached from the pulpits of all the political parties.

So we witnessed a succession of incomes policies, ranging from simple exhoration through compacts with the unions to statutory pay freezes. However, none was established satisfactorily over a sufficiently lengthy period for its effectiveness to be judged and most acted simply as dams, later to collapse under the flood. in 1979, therefore, the incoming

and abandoned one of the earlier objectives. An important feature of monetarist policy, Sir, according to no less an authority than your own leader of a couple of years ago, is "a natural level of unemployment." No one knows what the natural

sovernment decided on a new tack

level should be, whether one million, two million, three million or more, but it has to be high enough to enforce pay restraint on a headstrong work-force.

Pay rises, unfortugately, continue to exceed those of our more efficient competitors, even those with much lower unemployment rates, so one presumes that the "natural level of unemployment" has, in our case, not yet been reached. Yet the Chancellor has already told us that he plans "a Budget for jobs" and you in your leader today (January 10) support him.

A number of questions pose themselves for the perplexed citizen. For example, does the Chancellor believe that unemployment is at last at or above its "natural level" or is it simply that he is concerned more with disquiet on the back benches? If the former, can we assume that

the level of unemployment will remain at the three million to 3,250,000 mark indefinitely? If the latter, what does the Government now propose to do about pay restraint. Yours faithfully,

TOM ELLIS (President, SDP Council for Wales), Whitchurst House. Chirk. January 10.

Opposition politics

From Mr Arthur Palmer Sir, As a member of the Labour Party since my early youth and an MP for 31 years, I feel that the drift of Mr James Curran's views in your issue of December 27, although capressed cautionsly, would keep the party in perpetual opposition in Parliament and it is there and not on the picket lines that power resides.

I remember marching in demon strations in the Munich time before the last war and shouting "Chamberlain must go", but he didn't go until he was defeated by a parliamentary vote.

Likewise, Mr Heath was not cast from office by the miners' strike of 1974, but because he called a premature general election and was returned with an insufficient number of MPs to form a government.

The Labour Party cannot take itself back 80 years and start again with generalised socialist propaganda as if past Labour governments had given nothing worth while to the political development and social experience of the British people. Such a stance objectively gives support to Mrs Thatcher's myth that everything post-war before she

arrived was pre-history and wasted

time.
I would have thought that Clement Attlee led the 1945-51 Labour governments, in home policy, at least, from a position to the left rather than to the right of centre and his achievements endured successfully until the present counter-revolution. But Mr Attlee didn't automatically take the trade union side in every industrial dispute, however justified the action from the individual union point of view. Indeed, I think I am right in saying he brought in troops to maintain supplies in two dock

Mr Neil Kinnock is wise enough to know that those who seek government office by parliamentary means must in opposition show that they have an instinct for future responsibilities. After all, nobody would pretend that in a free society there will be a cessation of industrial conflict once a Labour Prime Minister moves into 10 Downing Street. There was not in the past and there won't be in the future. Yours &c.

ARTHUR PALMER. 14 Lavington Court, 77 Putney Hill, SW15. January 3.

Human rights in Malta

From Mr James Hill, MP for Southampton Test (Conservative) Sir, In his final speech as Malta's Prime Minister Mr Dom Mintoff expressed a commendable respect for his parliamentary colleagues.

According to your report (Decemher 24) he assured members of the he might have said in the heat of the moment, he had not intended to hurt individuals". This apparent respect for the feelings of others belies some the recent actions of the Government, although his country is a signatory of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Articles 8 and 9 of this Convention provide for the protection of one's private life, home and correspondence and for freedom of religion. They lay an obligation on the State to protect these rights. However, this autumn the Maltese Archbishop's residence was ran-sacked during a demonstration by dock workers in favour of the

Government. The police did not intervene until the damage had been done and so far, nothing has been done to prosecute those responsible. Nor is

any redress available through individual petition to the European Commission on Human Rights, since Malta has not recognised the right to individual petition under article 25 of the Convention. In order to contain potential

violence by extending the rule of law, it is time to encourage the Mahese Government to accept the optional clauses of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The Council of Europe is the proper place for such encouragement since it is the institution responsible for establishing and administering the Convention. However, Maita has not been represented in the parliamentary Assembly for over a year now, and its Minister of Foreign Affairs has rather contemptuously boycotted the bi-annual meetings at ministerial

With the heartening news that Mr Mintoff has resigned, his successor must ensure that his government sends a delegation of all political parties to the next plenary session of the Council of Europe, to be held on January 28 in Strasbourg. Yours faithfully,

JAMES HILL House of Commons.

Abolition of GLC

From the Director of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sir, We welcome the underlying reasoning behind your leader. "The entity of London" (December 27).
Whatever the eventual outcome

of the Bill to abolish the Greater London Council, London will remain an administrative and financial entity for the provision of a

financial entity for the provision of a wide range of local services.

Whilst we may lose the GLC, a large part of the cost of the Metropolitan Police, London Regional Transport, Thames Water Authority, the Inner London Education Authority, a joint board for fire and emergency services, and quite possibly a wasto-disposal authority, if not others, will be met directly by London ratepayers through rates, precepts and parliamentary levies. mentary levies.
The LCCI's concern about fund-

ing these bodies is twofold. Firstly, at present there is no provision to co-ordinate the policy and expenditure priorities of these autonomous and single-purpose authorities, each empowered to raise revenue for its own purposes, at any time and particularly in times of scarce public resources.

Secondly, there is no opportunity for London ratepayers to assets a "bottom line" - the aggregate in any one year of all the rates, precepts and levies charged on a county-wide basis by the providers of services before they pay the total bill. Before the abolition Bill becomes

law it is highly desirable that a mechanism should be introduced to enable a London-wide assessment of the ratepayers' ability to pay and fix priorities between the competing claims in a given financial year. Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY PLATT, Director. London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 69 Cannon Street, EC4. January 3.

Ups, downs and so on

From Mr R. G. Manning Sir, Mr Howard's ups and downs (January 9) reflect our society's increasing cynicism. "Up to you" implied an opportunity to earn honour. "Down to you" implies an imposition. Yours faithfully.

R. G. MANNING, 17 Guessens Road, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, January 9.

From Mr Harold Cottam

Sir, It was common parlance, I believe, in club and other circles to ask the barman to note down the cost to one's bar account when inviting friends and acquaintances to have a drink. The implication of the phrase "down to" therefore is that of putting one's money where one's mouth is. In this context, the use of the word "down" does not infer any more or less trendiness than does the use of the word "up". Please chalk this explanation up and down to me.

Yours faithfully. HAROLD COTTAM, Kenney's Farm, Maggs Green, Arborfield, Reading, Berkshire. January II.

From Mr G. W. Crowther Sir, I hope that Mr Philip Howard has noted in today's Times (January 9) that we are instructed to fill out the Valentine coupon. Once upon a day we would have been invited to fill it ip. Yours faithfully,

G. W. CROWTHER, Beanfield House, Higherford, ancashire. January 9.

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JANUARY 17 1920

Local and state prohibition of liquor in the United States had been in operation since the early nineteeth century. National prohibition was edupted by the eighteenth amendme? to the Constitution; it was repealed by the twenty-first amendment on December 5 1933.

> EVE OF PROHIBITION (From our correspondent) NEW YORK, JAN. 16

By the grant of 24 hours' grace the legal effect of the prohibition amendment to the Constitution will be felt at midnight tonight, but for all intents and purposes the blow has already fallen. With the arrival of complete "dryness" the chief occuration of the public appears to be scanning the lists of things that it may Amendment. These are given at great length by most of the newspapers, and the cumulative effect of the "Don'ts" causes the average reader to look up with a kind of stricken glance at his neighbour in the aubway or the suburban train.

A great many people thought that the lists of "Don'ts" under war-time prohibition covered all things forbidprohibition covered all things torbid-den by the Constitutional Amendment, but the arrival of the latter with the accumpanying announcements of the lahad Revenue officials have rudely whaten that belief. The "wen" always whaken that belief. The "wets" always cansoled themselves with the belief that in any case Governments could not interdict the natural processes of chemistry, that the ordinary fermentation of limits in the continuous fermentation of limits. tation of liquids given to termenting without outside aid could not be prevented by any law. But the Prohibition Commissioner's cold announcement yesterday extinguished additun citizens are informed that it i furbidden to carry a flask containin liquor, to make a present of liquor, o

nanulacture it in one's own ho The comment on these "Verbotens" as many of the "wets" delight to call them, is plentiful. Speaking of the rule concerning the natural fermentation cider and fruit juices, the New Yor

cider and thin pulces, the new your Times remarks: — Of course, such a rule makes a criminal of nearly everybody. No harmless bottle of grape paire or other can rest in the paner-lary without coming under well-grounde suspicion. The harmless jar of marmaled may be undergoing transformation into suspicion. The harmless jar of marmalade may be undergoing transformation into suncthing like orange bitters. One unitstem, however, is to be noted. The Prohibition Commissioner shrinks as yet from applying his doctrine in logical completeness. He has not yet prohibited fermentation in the human stomach.

The New York World begins its begins a satisfaction with the subsequent

The New York World begins its leading article with the solemn declaration:—
After 12 o'clock tonight, the Government of the United States, as established by a Constitution maintained for mearly 121 years, will case to axist. Upon this new Government, which will come into existence tonight and under which we shall be living tomorrow there have been conferred the must despotic powers to be found in any civilized community, unless we are to regard Russia as civilized.

Reciting the list of habits and

Reciting the list of habits and customs, even instincts, which are now controlled by police powers, the World

goes on:

The citizen who carries a glass of brandy
to an unfortunate fellow-citizen lying
unconscious in the street, will be liable to
arrest and imprisonment, for he will be a

So, adds the World, will be the housewife who permits a glass of fruit juice to ferment till it contains more than half of I per cent of alcohol, so will the citizen who ventures to remove a bottle of beer from one habitation to another without written permission. This new Government the paper denounces as a Government created by office-holders for office-holders, about which the people of the United States had nothing to say, and which has never known the Referendum or the hallot-box. "Nothing like this had been known in the history of human freedom." One of the first problems to present itself in connexion with the final disappearance of the liquor traffic is the making up of the loss of revenue from licences and similar sources. In New York City alone this amounts to over £2,000,000. For New York State the figure is nearly £5,000,000.

Calorie count

From Miss Elspeth Ogilvy Wedder-

Your correspondent, in *The Times* of January 5, quotes, from a 1909 edition of Mrs Beeton, a recipe for a "Soup for Benevolent Purposes". My nineteenth-century edition gives a similar recipe, remarking that it was used by the editress in the winter of 1858, for distribution amongst about a dozen families of the village near which she lived.

She made eight or nine gallons per week at an average cost of 3p per quart. The ingredients included:
An Ox Cheek, any trimmings of beef which may be bought very cheaply (say 4lbs) a few bones, any pot liquor the larder may furnish, 4 peck of onions, 6 leeks, a large bunch of herbs, 14b celery the cutter times to the target to the control of the control teeks, a large bunch of herbs, Vib celery the outer pieces or green tops do very well). 4th carrots, Vib turnips, Vib coarse brown sugar, Vipt beer, 4ths common rice or pearl barley; Vib salt, 10z black pepper; a few raspings, 10 gals of water, boil for 4 hours.

Mrs Kirk, editress of Tried

Favourites, gives a recipe for "Count Romford's Soup" on which, she says, he fed some 1,200 beggers at Munich, while they were taught to work, at an expense of less than ½d per day, fuel and service included. Yours faithfully,

E. OGILVY WEDDERBURN. 37 Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh,

Late bird

From the Rev Stephen J. Burgess Sir, Unlike Mrs Jane Stockwell (January 11), when 3.30 has passed I carefully avoid even a casual look at the Portfolio dividend and my card, just in case!

Do I qualify as the first ostrich of spring? Yours faithfully, S. J. BURGESS, Chaplain, Farringtons School, Chislehurst, Kent.

Order of merit?

From Mr Austin Fawcett Sir, Has Sir Keith noted, I wonder, your persistence in publishing University Appointments' secondary to and separate from "La crème de la crème" (pages 24 and 25)? Yours faithfully. AUSTIN FAWCETT, 71 Tom Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. January 8.



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE KENSINGTON PALACE
January 16: The Prince and Princess
of Wales this morning visited
Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.
Their Royal Highnesses, attended
by Major Jack Stenhouse, Mrs
George West, and Mr Victor
Chapman, travelled in an aircraft of
The Owners's Elight

The Queen's Flight.
The Prince of Wales, President. the International Council of United World Colleges, this afternoon chaired a meeting on "United World Colleges and Appropriate Technology in India" at Kensington

Palace.
His Royal Highness, President, the Royal College of Music Centenary Appeal, accompanied by Her Royal Highness, this evening attended the premiere of the film Amadeus, in aid of the Appeal and the National Theatre Foundation, at the ABC 1 & 2, Shaftesbury Avenue,

Mr David Roycroft, Mrs George West, and Mr Victor Chapman were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Strangeways Research Laboratory Cambridge, and Goodfellow Metals and NAPP Pharmaceuticals at the Cambridge Science Park on February 6.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Comberton Village College, near Cambridge, on February 7. The Princess of Wales will attend the National Jazz Centre's gala concert at the London Palladium on

Birthdays today

Mr Muhammad Ali, 43; Mr Keith Chegwin, 28; Sir Michael Clapham. 73; Mr Douglas Cleverdon, 82; Mr 73: Mr Douglas Cleverdon, 82: Mr Martin Cooper, 75: Mr Justice Mervyn Davies. 67: Sir Keith Joseph. MP, 67: Mr Geoffrey Pattie, MP, 49: Mr Cecil Ramage, 90: Professor W. B. Robertson, 62: Miss Moira Shearer, 59: Professor Sir David Smithers, 77: Miss Gillian Weir, 44: Lord Wheatley, 77: Mr C. L. Walcott, 59.

Prince and Princess to visit Australia

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to visit the state of Victoria in Australia during October and November to mark its 150th

The Prince and Princess will arrive in Melbourne on October 25 and visit areas in Victoria until November 5. They will also visit Canberra on November 6 and 7. Buckingham Palace said their children were unlikely to accompany them.

Architect's honour

The Royal Institute of British Architects announces that its president, Mr Michael Manser, has been made an honorary fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. He has been invited to attend the Institute's annual assembly at Halifax. Nova Scotia, in May.

verged to provide an expla-

nation for a rare but fatal

60 years ago in a 22-year-old

were totally unlike any known

viruses. Six months ago a

collaborative research team in

Scotland and the United States said it was possible that

tiny rod-shaped objects, the

size of small viruses, could be infectious agent in both

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and

Court of Appeal

four much older patients.

Mr P. Behrens and Miss L. Wellwood Ker The engagement is announced between Pablo, son of Señor Alfredo Behrens and Señora Magdalena Barbe, of Montevideo. Uruquay, and Lucinda, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Wellwood Ker, of Liss.

Mr S. M. Bladon and Miss R. A. D. Hall

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of the late Mr J. D. Bladon and of Mrs G. M. Bladon, of Beverley, Yorkshire, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. D. Hall, of Woughtom-on-the-Green, Buckinshamshire.

The engagement is announced between James, son of Lieutenaut-Colonel and Mrs H. I. Dessain, of Knaresborough, Yorkshire, and Imogen, daughter of Major-General and Mrs D. T. Crabtree, of Shrivenburn Wittshire.

Mr D. N. Diamond

and Miss S. M. Goldstein
The engagement is announced between Neil, only son of Mr and Mrs C. Diamond, of Manchester, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. M. Goldstein, of Leeds.

Mr A. M. Dickie and Miss L. Amini The engagement is announced between Andrew Meintyre, son of Dr and Mrs R. E. Dickie, of Rose

Mr R. C. B. Ford
and Miss F. A. Burton
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, son of Mr and
Mrs R. B. Ford, of Richmond,
Surrey, and Frances Ann. daughter
of Dr and Mrs J. D. K. Burton, also
of Richmond

and Miss N. S. Plugge
The engagement is announced between Angus Christopher, younger octween Angus Christopher, younger son of Captain and Mrs Harry Keate, of Kilchoan House. Kilmelford, Argyllshire, and Nicola Susan, younger daughter of Captain Roland Plugge. of Childs Hall Road, Lintle Bookham, Surrey, and Mrs Peter Liddell, of 7 Pratt Walk, London SELI. London, SEII.

Marriages Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Prickett

and Mrs S. Westerman The marriage took place quietly in Petworth on January 16 between Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Prickett

and Mrs Shirley Westerman.

Mr J. H. Gartrell and Mrs G. Wolfers The marriage took place quietly on January 16 between Mr Jack

Gartrell and Mrs Geraldine Wolfers. Mr C. W. Noel and Miss D. M. de Freitas

The marriage took place on January The marriage took place on January
12 at St Marc's, Cadogan Street, of
Mr Churles William Noel, son of
Colonel Archibald Noel and the late
Mrs Noel, of 15 Abbotsbury Close, W 14. and Miss Diane Margaret de Freitas, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald de Freitas, of 63 Onslow Gardens, SW7, Father Henry Coombe Tennani and Father

Adrian Hailer officiated. The bridge, who was given away by her father, was attended by Mar Scott-Fleming, Rachel Bryden, Jane Peake, Lord Wender, Susan Kaul, Frances Kirwan, and John Summer Mr Edward Noel was best man.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. D. Harvey-Samuel and Miss S. Brennan

The engagement is announced The engagement is announced between Guy Daniel elder son of between Adrian Richard, youngest Dr and Mrs R. E. D. Harvey-son of Mr and Mrs Adrian Scrope. Samuel of Shenfield, Essex and Shirley, daughter of the late Mr Suffolk, and Sandra Guthrie, only

Mr M. V. S. Iles
and Miss M. J. Lessey
The engagement is announced
between Michael, youngest son of
Squadron Leader and Mrs D. S. Iles.
of Guernsey, and MaryJane, elder
daughter of Commander and Mrs J.
K. Lessey, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr A. M. Lostes and Miss G. A. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mrs Joyce Loates and the late Mr F. T. (Sam) Loates, of Manaccan.
Cornwall, and Anne, eldest daughter of Mrs Joyce Cooper and the late
Mr W. D. Cooper, of Scarborough.
Vorteshire

Mr. J. L. Morris and Miss J. L. Gafsen

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs David, Morria, of Regent's Park. London, and Juliette, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gafsen, of Totteridge, London.

Mr G. C. Radiey and Miss J. E. Smith

The engagement is announced between Gordon Charles, son of Mr and Mrs R. Radley, of Bromley, Kent, and Joan Elizabeth, daugher of Mr and Mrs K. Smith of Polegate.

and Miss S. R. May

The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of the late Captain G. A. M. Ritson and of Mrs R. T. Hayes, of Potterne, Wittshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. W. May, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

and Miss S. J. Lethbridge

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Scanlon, of Coventry, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Lethbridge, of Luxembourg and Buckland, Oxford-

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr M. O. Saville. QC. to be a judge
of the Queen's Bench Division of
the High Court.
Mr P. N. R. Clark to be a circuit judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Mr D J R Wileox to be a circuit judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Mr D. R. Pomfret to be joint County Court and District Registrar for the districts of the Bolton, Bury. Oldham and Stockport County Courts.
Mr Philip Oakley, finance officer
and company secretary of the
Universities Central Council on

Admissions, to be the council's general secretary and chief executive from August 1 in succession to Mr Ronald Kay.

College named

The new college resulting from the merger of the Royal Holloway and Bedford Colleges, of London University, is to be known as the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College.

Science report

Brain disorder traced to 'prions'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Discoveries in medical and Those fragments have now been purified in extracts of veterinary research have conhuman brain tissues examined by groups working with Dr Stanley Prusiner at the School brain disorder. In people, the illness is called Creutzfeldtof Public Health, University of Jakob disease, after the California, Berkeley, and the ductors who first identified it Department of Negrology, in Department of Neurology, in San Francisco.

noman and, subsequently, in To distinguish it from a virus the scientists refer to the agent Forty years later similarities as a prion a word derived from were noted between a disorder called scrapie, which occurs in protein and infection. The analysis of the particles ex-tracted from tissue showed they sheep, and another brain disorder in apes and monkeys. The disorders were classed were a complex of protein as slow or unconventional virus infections because they

The results of the research are reported in the New England Journal of Medicine. The brain diseases also show some similarities with Alzheimer's disease, the ageing illness for which the cause is still unknown.

Dr Prusiner's group found New England Journal of Medithat in animals the defence cine, Vol 312, No 2, 1985.

system of the body reacted against scrapic prious by pro-ducing a specific antibody. The rod-shaped particles extracted from human tissue reacted in the same way with the anti-bodies that tried to neutralize the scrapie prion.

But extensive research has failed to detect any virus nucleic acid in the infectious material; hence the adoption of the name price, which is a term some experts are not yet prepared to accept for a new class of infectious agent.

The biochemical analysis of the purified particles is incom-plete, and there is no known class of particles which is able to transmit disease without having DNA or RNA, the two nucleic acids which govern the transmission of genetic information in all known species of

William Brennan and of Mrs
Josephine Brennan, of Guam.

Mrs. Mr. V. S. Iller

Adv. Mr. V. S. Iller

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Adv. Mrs. Prudence Warde, of Beverly Hills, California, United States and Mrs. Prudence Warde, of Sun Valley, Idaho, United States.

Mr A. N. Stock and Miss M. L. Vass

The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Lieutenaut-Colonel P. W. Stock and the late Mrs F. D. Stock, of South Godstone. Surrey, and Melanie Louise, only daughter of Mr M. Vass, of Wargrave, Berkshire, and Mrs D. M. Toulson, of Sandon, Hertfordshire.

and Misa S. Cohen
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Commander A. W. Tupper, RN, of Leigh Delamere House. Leigh Delamere. Chippenham, Wiltshire. and Mrs W. E. Tupper, of 66 Warwick Gardens, London W14, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Cohen, of Philadelphia, United States.

Dr M. Wackenhuth and Miss A. J. C. Keddie

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Dr and Frau R. Wackenhuth, of Weilheim/ Teck. West Germany, and Anne, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R. M. Keddie, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr S. M. Wilson and Miss S. M. B. Henderson The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs J. M. Wilson, of Spring Copse, Loxhill, Godalming, and Sandra, daughter of Mr A. B. Henderson, of 7 Malvern Court, SW7.

Mr J. S. Woolger and Miss J. M. Bieber

The engagement is announced between Jarvis, son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Woolger, of Brightwalton, Berkshire, and Janet, younger daughter of Mr Wilson Bieber, of Richmond, Canada, and Mrs Wilson Bieber, presently of 2 Culross Street, W1.

School

news

Bedford School Easter Term begins today with 1.107 boys in the school. Mr T. A. Eadon becomes headmaster of the prepartory school. D. W. M. Mitchell is head of school. J. P. Ormerod is captain of boats and E. H. Castenskiold captain of hockey. bedford School Choral Society will perform Handel's Messiah in the Great Hall at 7,30 pm on Wednesday, March 13.

St Edmund's College,

St John's School, Leatherhead

Lent Term began on Monday, January 14. The school captain is P. M. C. Drury. The Bishop of Dorking will conduct a confir-mation service on Saturday. February 23. The competition for the Bruinvels Trophics will be held on Saturday, February 9, Term ends on Wednesday, March 27.

St Margaret's School, Bushey

Term has begun with 418 pupils in the school. Louisa Boswell is head girl and Melanie Jones is deputy head girl. The confirmation service will be on March 23, and term ends on March 27.

St Michael's School. Jersey

Lent Term began on Wednesday January 9 and will end on Friday. March 29. Half term will be on February 21 and 22. The head of school is Ann Ledgard. The new cience block and computer centre is now complete and will be officially opened during the Trinity Term by the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey, Admiral Sir William Pillar.

Dinners

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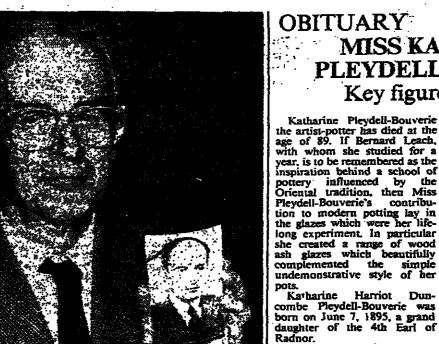
Lent Term begins today with F. J. Gunn as captain of school. Term ends on March 27. The long exeat weekend will be from Saturday. February 16 to Tuesday, February 19. Performances of the school play. 19. Performances of the school pay. The Happiest Days of Your Life, will be on Friday, March 1, and Sunday, March 3 at 7.30 pm. Performances of the junior school operetta. Patience, will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24 at 7.30 pm. The annual half-marathon will

Dame Mary Warnock, Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge, will deliver the 1985 Richard Dimbleby Lecture, to be broadcast on BBC 1

architect on show

lour Architecture Correspondent

Cosely associated originally with the arts and crafts movement. Blomfield gradually developed a style of restrained classicism, which he thought were the company to the control of the co e thought was the true English



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Hopes for hero: Professor Guy Von Dardel, holding a photo-graph of his half-brother, Raoul Wallenberg. The Swe-dish diplomat went missing in Wallenberg was alive. "Even if he were not, it is still important to resolve the mystery of his fate", he said. It is thought that Wallenberg, whom the Russians admit to imprisoning after entering Budapest, may still be in a Soviet hospital. dish diplomat went missing in Budapest 40 years ago today after saving the lives of thousands of Jews during the German occupation of Hungary. Professor Von Dardel said in London yesterday that he still had high hopes that Professor Von Dardel will today address a meeting at the House of Commons about his half-brother.

Society's Hall yesterday, Mr Michael Holdsworth, County Sec-

retary of West Sussex and chairman of the society, presided. Among the

of the Sucesty Meeting the Other Buests Were.

Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Peter Lazarus, Sir George Mosaley. Sir Antibony Rawfingon, Sir Kenneth Slowe, Mr D J S Hancock. Dr D C M Vardiey, Mr J M M Banharo, Mr J R Lovill, Mr E G Cowen, Mr J Slevenson. Mr J L Bowton and Mr A Selevasion. Mr J L Bowton and Mr A

Basketmakers' Compan'

United Wards Club of the

The Lord Mayor and Lady

Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at a dinner of the United

Wards' Club of the City of London held at the Mansion House 1st night.

Mr Raymond Findlay, club president accompanied by Mrs Findlay

was in the chair and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, the High Commissioner of Name

Zealand, and Mr Alan Luke. Those

City of London

Luncheons

Lunchtime Comment Club Mr Reg Freeson, MP, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchume Comment Club held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Mr Gordon C. Stroud, chairman.

Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames

The Court of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames gave a luncheon at Watermen's Hall yesterday. The Master, Mr A. C. Clark-Kennedy, presided, assisted by the Senior Warden, Mr D. J. Piper, Junior Wardens, Mr J. T. Wilson, Sir Geoffrey Peacock and Mr R. G. Crouch. Among the guests were the First Sea Lord. Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, and Mr. Christopher Fieldhouse, and Mr Christopher

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. was the host at a dinner given at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Mr Niels Anker Kofoed. Danish Minister of Agriculture.

Royal College of Nursing The Prime Minister was the guest of honour at a dinner given at the Royal College of Nursing yesterday.

Mrs. Sheila Quinn, president of the college, was the host and the other guests included the Secretary of State for Social Services, the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Northern Ireland, the Chairman of the NHS Management Board, and presidents of other colleges.

Society of County Secretaries The Society of County Secretaries entertained Mr Arthur Hoole. President of the Law Society, at its annual dinner held at the Law

College principal for Dimbleby lecture

on Tuesday, March 19.

The title of her lecture will be: "Teacher, teach thyself - a new professionalism for our schools". She will argue that a new approach is needed among teachers to govern their training, their relations with

Work of Edwardian

pupils, parents and with one

An exhibition on the work of the Edwardian architect, Sir Reginald Blomfield, opens today at the Heinz Gallery, Portman Square, London

By the end of his career, which started in the 1880s and closed in the 1930s, architects of the modern movement had branded him a reactionary, but he maintained his

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present included:

Sir Geoffrey Finshere. MP. and Lady
Finshere, M and Mme Christian Birot. Mcs
W L Young. Alderman and Mrs Brian Toye.
the President of the City Livery Guto and
Mrs B J Birown. Mr Deputy and Mrs Aired Shindler. Mr Deputy and Mrs
Witsburn Horlock. Mr Deputy and Mrs
Witsburn Horlock. The Bert Best Bushberg.
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Consantes and the Prime Warden of the
Shibovrights' Company with their leddes. the
Chairman of the City of London branch of
the Royal Society of Si George and Mrs
Bortham. Mr and Mrs J Minshull-Fogo. Mr
and Mrs B Willson Pemberton, the Semior
Vice President and Mrs Martin Barber. and

present included: Str. Geoffrey Finable

Latest wills

Admiral Sir Robin Leonard Francis
Duraford-Slater, of Liphook,
Hampshire, who commanded the
Anglo-French naval task force
during the Suez operations in 1956,
left £23;142 net. Other estates include (net, before

Horley Surrey£486,596 Kelley, Mr Gerald Darby, of Bridgnorth, company director £486,984 Robson, Mr Donald, of Caterham.

bank director £260,818
Turner, Mr Denis Arthur, of
Bridgnorth farmer £239,728 MacFarlane, Mr John Scott, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, retired Lloyds underwriter, £388.234

Astronomy awards: The Royal Astronomical Society has announced the following awards for 1985:

OBITUARY MISS KATHARINE PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE

Key figure in pottery

Katharine Pleydeli-Bouverie the artist-potter has died at the age of 89. If Bernard Leach, with whom she studied for a year, is to be remembered as the inspiration behind a school of pottery influenced by the Oriental tradition, then Miss Plevdell-Bouverie's contribution to modern potting lay in the glazes which were her life-long experiment. In particular

complemented the simple undemonstrative style of her Katharine Harriot Dun-combe Pleydell-Bouverie was born on June 7, 1895, a grand daughter of the 4th Earl of Radnor.

She started potting through evening classes at the Central School of Art after the First World War and then a chance meeting with Bernard Leach took her to St Ives where she studied under him for the year 1924.

fifteen years on the estate at Coleshill, her old home. Profiting from the resources at Coleshill she experimented with wood and grass ashes for stoneware glazes; this with its pleasing surface texture and colours became an important part of the British stoneware

Her wood-fired kiln was designed by Matsubayashi and for eight years she worked in partnership with Nora Braden. After the war, in 1946 she moved to Kilmington (Wilts) where she worked until a few months ago, using at first an oil-fired kiln, later electricity.

Her attitude to pottery was practical and pragmatic, and despite her invaluable glaze analyses, she valued "Curiosity and a resilient attitude to unpleasant shocks". Though she kept a meticulous recipe for each glaze she was never surprised when things turned out unexpectedly.

for 450 performances at the

London Hippodrome. Her rare beauty and her

dainty dancing were consider-

able assets and she had one song "Tie a String around your Finger" which had an immense

vogue. She was playing in Paris in 1927 and in New York in

1928 but was back in London

announced that she was retiring

from the stage to marry, as his

second wife, the fourth Baron

Invertiyde. However the mar-

riage was not a success and was dissolved in Scotland in 1933.

Lady inverciyde already having

obtained a decree in Reno. Nevada in 1931. June returned to the London

stage but never really recovered

her previous position in the

theatre, her last success of any substance being Cinderella in the Drury Lane pantomime to

the Prince Charming of Miss

She subsequently went to the United States where she acted

in variety and at the Civic

Theatre in Santa Barbara,

Phyllis Neilson-Terry.

California,

At the end of the run it was

1929 in Polly at the Lyric.

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June, the actress and vocalist, who died in New York on January 14 at the age of 83, achieved a considerable success in musical comedy and revue during the 1914-18 War and the period immediately following. But she was not seen on the London stage after 1934 and what remained of her career was in America.

Born at Blackpool on June 11, 1901, the daughter of Walter Howard Tripp, himself an actor, she made her first stage appearance at the Little Theatre as a sea nymph in The Goldfish The Prime Warden of the Basket-makers' Company, Sir William Woolf Harris, presided at the court held at Innholders' Hall yesterday. when she was nine years old. In 1911 she danced at the Palace held at Innholders' Hall yesterday. At a dinner held afterwards Mr David Letson proposed the toast of the guests to which Mr Charles St G. Stephenson Clarke. Master of the Fuellers' Company, replied. Sir Charles Ball, Master of the Clockmakers' Company, proposed the toast of the Basketmakers' Company and the Prime Warden replied. Theatre with Pavlova in the ballet, Snowflakes.

In April 1914 in Paris she played in La Revue Galante at the Folies Bergère but returned to London soon after war broke out and was seen in many successful revues including The Passing Show, Watch Your Step. Buzz Buzz London, Paris and New York and Fun of the Favre. Little Nelly Kelly, in which she played in 1923, ran for more than 250 performances but probably her greatest Her second marriage, to Mr success came in October 1925 Edward Hillman Jr was disin Mercenary Mary which ran solved.

Her second marriage, to Mr

LORD ST OSWALD

writes: Great Britain and Spain have sustained an irreparable loss at the death of Rowland St Oswald. He was a truly exceptional friend of my country, and I personally have known him very closely over a period of twenty-five years.

The shock of his death has been all the greater because the day before he had funched at the Embassy and told us, not for the first time, that ever since his first visit at the age of seventeen he had looked upon Spain as his second country.

He was full of enthusiasm;

with great plans for the future of relations between our two nations, and delighted, with all his customary optimism, at the happy turn of events which had always so concerned him. Generous to a fault, he was

also a catalyst for all things which were for the common good of England and Spain.

The Spanish Ambassador Many distinguished Englishmen and English women found their first and lasting impression of Spain as guests at Lord St Oswald's beautiful property. "Las Columnas", overlooking the Bay of Algeciras.

Similarly, a procession of distinguished Spaniards passed through the magnificent Nostell Priory. He lived for his friends, true friendship for him being ali-important; and those of us who were fortunate enough to fall within that category owe him a debt that cannot be exaggerated.

His charitable and cultural activities were legion; and included Spain, and the Anglo-Spanish Society, of which he was a leading light. His Majesty King Juan Carlos honoured him in 1980 with the Grand Cross of Isabel The Catholic. The rest of us will honour him in our thoughts, as a true English gentleman and a "gran señor".

MR E. F. BIGLAND

Mr Ernest Frank Bigiand, MBE, who died on January 14 at the age of 71, was managing director of the Guardian Group of insurance companies from 1966 to 1968 and, after the merger, of Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Ltd from 1968 to 1978.

Born on December 7, 1913. and educated at St Edward's. School, Oxford, he joined the Exchange company. He served in 1930. Apart from war service up the position of managing with the Royal Artillery, director, from 1978 to 1983,

when he reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel and was appointed MBE, he remained with the company for the rest of

his career. In the 1950s he saw that the days of smaller insurance companies were numbered, and was one of the main architects. with Lord Blackford, the chairman of the Guardian Group, of the merger with the Royal Guardian Assurance Company as deputy chairman, after giving

Court of Appeal

Limitation period in leasehold reform Arbitration agreement need not be signed

Before Lord Justice Oliver, Lord Instice May and Sir Roger Ormrod [Judgment delivered December 21] If and so far as the Limitation Act 1980 applied to a cause of action arising out of the enfranchisement provisions of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, the applicable provisions were those contained in section 8 and the appropriate period of limitation was 12 years.

Mr Simon Berry for the landlords: Mr John McDonnell.

QC, for Mr Collin.

The Court of Appeal in reserved The Court of Appeal in reserved judgments dismissed an appeal by landlords, the trustees of the will of the second Duke of Westminster, from the judgment of Judge Harris QC at West London County Court on February 27, 1984, who held that the tenant applicant, Mr Francis Spencer Collin, was entitled under Part 1 of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 to acquire the freehold of the 1967 to acquire the freehold of the house and premises at 30 Eaton Terrace, Westminster.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said

that Mr Collin was the lessee by assignment in occupation of the house in Eaton Terrace under a lease granted on December 8, 1948

for a term of 48 ½ years expiring on Lady Day 1997. The lease, which reserved a rent of £125 a year, was assigned to him and he was 200d leasehold title on October 21, 1960. registered as the proprietor with Section 1 of the 1967 Act

Collin v Duke of Westminster house as his residence the right to acquire the freehold where the tenancy was a long one at a low rest.

held the house was a long lease for the purposes of the Act but prior to 1980 it was open to question whether the rent reserved by the lease was, at the material time, a low rent.
In 1980, Manson v Duke of
Westminster ([1947] 1 QB 323)
raised a doubt whether the decision
in Gidlow-Jackson v Middlegate

rightly decided.

In January 1975 Mr Collin gave notice in the proper statutory form that he desired to acquire the freehold. A counter notice denying

matter further.

A fresh notice of enfranchisement had now been given and accepted without prejudice to the original notice and the trustees had intimated that they would not dispute that. But the issue which notice was the operative one crucially affected the value of the property for enfranchisement purproperty for enfranchisement pur-poses for the difference in value between the dates of the two notices

and the provisions in (a) and (b) of subsection (1) were satisfied. The lease under which Mr Collin

Properties Ltd ([1974] QB 361) was

the claim was duly served by the landlords with a letter referring to the Gidlow-Jackson case. Perhaps not altogether surprisingly. Mr Collin then did not seek to take the matter further.

A fresh notice of enfranchisement

was said to exceed £100.000. So, on July 6, 1981, six and a half years after the original notice. Mr Collin's agents wrote to the estate conferred upon the tenant of a trustees seekin leasehold house occupying the original notice. trustees seeking to rely on the

The estate trustees claimed, inter alia, that the original claim by the notice of January 1975 had been or must be taken to have been abandoned and if that notice gave abandoned and it that notice gave rise to a cause of action, it was a cause of action in contract which as a result of paragraph 7 (5) of Part II of Schedule 3 to the 1967 Act accrued on March 12, 1975 and was therefore statute barred by March 12, 1981 by virtue of the Limitation act 1980

The judge had held that the 1967 Act and the regulations provided a complete statutory code and that there was no room for the application of the common law concept of inferred abandonment by

mutual consent.

His Lordship doubted whether that could be right. What the court had to look for was either some representation or promise, either express or by conduct, which had been relied upon by the other party so as to ground an estoppel, or material from which there could be inferred mutual releases or mutual promises not to proceed.

But the extractory and of the But the principal ground of the judge's decision was that on the facts there was no material from which he could infer the mutual

to spell out of the inactivity and the correspondence the necessary con-Reference had been made Grice v Dudley Corporation ([1958] 1 Ch 329) but see also Simpson's

release necessary to support a successful plea of abandonment.

His Lordship entirely agreed with the judge who had been quite unable

Corporation (1963) Ch 57). His Lordship could find no conduct which could properly be treated as justifying any assumption of the mutual promises necessary to support an abandonment. As to the issue of limitation, there was difficulty in treating the statutory rights as if they were in all respects the same as a simple

The obligation to enfranchise stemmed not from section 5 of the 1967 Act but from section 8 (1).

The most common case of an action upon a specialty was an action based upon a contract under seal, but "specialty" was not originally confined to such contracts but extended to obligations imposed by statute. Broadly speaking the test was whether any cause of action existed apart from the statute: Prair v Cook [[1940] AC 437, 4461.

Any cause of action which Mr. 1967 Act but from section 8 (1).

Any cause of action which Mr Collin had, derived from the statute and the statute alone. If and so far as and the statute alone. If and so far as the Limitation Act 1980 applied to a cause of action arising out of the enfranchisement provisions of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, the applicable provisions were those contained in section 8 and the appropriate period of limitation was 13 years.

The judge was right in concluding that Mr Collin's claim was not burred by limitation. The appeal should be dismissed. Lord Justice May and Sir Roger Ormrod agreed. Solicitors: Boodle Hatfield & Co.

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Slade and

Lord Justice Lloyd [Judgment delivered December 21] An arbitration agreement need not be signed in order to satisfy the definition of such an agreement in section 32 of the Arbitration Act 1950 s "a written agreement to submit differences to arbitration."

That was stated when the Court of Appeal in reserved judgments allowed an appeal by plaintiffs, Excomm Ltd. from the order of Mr Justice Webster on December 5, 1983, who set aside an order of Mr Justice Mocatta reads on December 1981. Justice Mocatta made on December 4. 1978, on the ex parte application of the plaintiffs granting them leave to enforce an arbitration award as a judgment against the defendant, Mr Ahmed Abdul-Qawi Bamaodah under section 26 of the 1950 Act. Mr Stewart Boyd, QC and Mr Richard Aikens for the plaintiff; Mr David Johnson, QC and Mr Christopher C. Russell for the

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused. LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the dispute arose out of a contract for the sale of Australian white wheat cand f Jeddah made in January 1976. The plaintiff sellers were incorporated in Bermuda with their headquarters in Switzerland. The defendant was in business in Saudi Arabia. The contract was negotiated through London brokers and the Saudi Marketing Establish-

According to the plaintiffs the contract was contained or evidenced by a broker's note of January 27. 1976, with terms "as per Gafa Contract No 14" which provided for that the order of Mr Justice Mocatta all disputes under the contract to be referred to arbitration in London in

accordance with specific rules:
A copy of the broker's note was sent to the marketing establishment for transmission to and signing by the defendant. The defendant never signed and said that he did not see the note until the end of May 1978. the note until the end of May 1978.

The plaintiffs said they were owed a balance of \$218,459 by way of demurrage. They claimed arbitration and appointed their arbitration under the Gafta rules. On June 16, 1978 Gafta informed the defendant that they had appointed a Mr Morgan-Jones to act as his arbitrator and the defendant was asked for instructions. The arbitration went ahead. After disagreement between the two arbitrators, the umpire appointed by them awarded the plaintiffs \$217,924.

application to Mr Justice Mocatta it was ordered on December 4, 1978, the the plaintiffs had leave to enforce the award in the same enforce the award in the same manner as a judgment or order pursuant to section 26 of the Arbitration Act 1950.

The judge's order was sent to or left at Gaffa's London office by letter of December 13, 1978 and a copy was sent to the defendant at his Jeddah address.

The defendant applied in September 1983 to set aside the judgment. Mr Justice Webster held

judgment: Mr Justice Webster held

Following the plaintiffs' ex parte

points, that accordingly he had a discretion to set aside the judgment which he did on two grounds: (1) that the order of Mr Justice Mocatta had not been validly served and (2) that a letter of the defendants of July 1078 may be to have been provided. 1978 ought to have been brought to the judge's attention on the ex parte application. It was conceded that the defendant bought the goods but it was said that the contract was made

Baker v Yorkshire Fire and Life
Assurance Co ([1982] 1 QB 144,146) did not appear to have been cited in Frank Fehr & Co v Kassam Jivraj & Co (1949) 82 Ll L Rep 673). His Lordship would hold that an arbitration agreement need not be igned.

The definition in section 32 of the 1950 Act was satisfied provided that there was a document or documents in writing which recognized, incorporated or confirmed the

existence of an agreement to submit

orally and not in writing so that there was no written agreement to

The evidence was overwhelming that there was a written agreement to arbitrate. On the material before Mr Justice Hardepool Corporation ([1972] IWLR 1643, 1647). He was clearly right on the material before him to give leave to enforce the award.

Service of the order had been properly effected in accordance with the contract between the parties: see

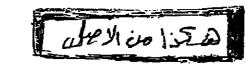
Montgomery Jones & Co r Liebenthal ([1898] 1QB 487) which had not been cited below. It was of the highest importance that an applicant for ex pure relief should make full and fair disclosure

of the points that were against him as well as those in his favour. Failure to do so would usually deprive the applicant of the benefit of his order. But that would not of his order. But that would not always be so. It must depend on all the circumstances of the case. The fact that the judge had treated the defendant's delay in applying to set aside the order as irrelevant because he had wrongly held that the order had not been properly served obliged the court to exercise its discretion affesh.

The balance of discretion tilted heavily against the defendant.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that while Order 73, rule 10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court provided a comprehensive code of service under the rules, that did not exclude the right of the parties to agree upon a method of service outside the rules: see Tharsis Sulphur & Copper Co v La Société des Metaux ((1889) 58 LI NS 435). That was what the parties did by agreeing upon Gafta Contract 14 was done. It constituted good service. The appeal should be Lord Justice Slade agreed.

/ Solicitors Sinclair Roche & Temperley, Coward Chance



IN BRIEF

MP attacks

Dunlop plan

The share option scheme offered to Sir Michael Ed-

wardes, chairman of Dunlop

Holdings, and his executives by

the company's banks as part of the proposed financial recon-

a Conservative MP as bringing capitalism into disrepute.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP for Selly Oak urged

Dunlop shareholders to reject

the proposed package. He plans to propose legislation which

would outlaw over-generous

share option schemes for

The banks have offered Sir Michael and his two directors

options on 47 million shares, 5

per cent of the proposed

enlarged captital, at 14p exercis-

able over three years commenc-ing January 1 1987. Sir Michael

has an option on nearly 21 million shares.

Trusthouse Forte, the hotels and catering group, has announced record pretax profits of

£105.2 million for the year up

from £82.1 million. A final dividend of 3.615p makes 4.74p

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directors.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Funds flood may swamp rise in mortgage rates

The building societies continue to ponder the problems of when and by how much to raise their interest rates. The larger societies met yesterday evening and the full Building Societies Association Council. will discuss the situation tomorrow. The result may not turn out to be as bleak for mortgage borrowers as at first seemed likely when bank base rates hit 12 per cent on Monday,

The upward pressures on building society rates are undoubtedly strong. Not least is the likely challenge from National Savings which must hang on to money invested in its maturing 19th issue certificate if it is to meet the year's £3 billion funding target in April.

Yet building societies must also keep a weather eye on mortgage demand. Their striking success in attracting deposits over the last few weeks has left them flush with money which they need to lend out. At present the balance is delicate. Mortgage demand is just matching the supply of funds; but even the Woolwich, which charges a mere 11.75 per cent on morigages of any size, is having to advertise its loans in some branches.

So as not to be left with a large pool of funds they cannot lend, the societies will have to keep the mortgage rate rise to the minimum. This is likely to mean a basic rate of little more than 13 per cent. It is also likely to mean that differentials on higher mortgages will be shaved.

. In the meantime, there seems to be little. consensus among the large societies about a rate change. The Halifax and the Leeds are clearly keen to move up soon. Others, particularly the Abbey National, are equally keen not to move at present. In the event the building society industry could again be thrown into the kind of confusion that plagued it in the summer when societies seemed to be at each others throats, bewildering their customers with a wide divergence of rates.

Progress on the gilts front

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There will be more than eight primary market makers in the new gilt-edged market and fewer than 100, the situation is still very fluid. This bulletin from the bank was delivered yesterday by Eddie Goerge, the Bank of England director largely responsible for master-minding the reconstruction of the market in time for the 21st

He told a City University seminar that the bank had no settled view on the optimum number of players, apart from the eight to 100 parameter and is prepared to look at all comers. If the press of applicants is too heavy, the Bank may set some applications aside but only temporarily, frustrated applicants could come

back the following year. It cannot be an easy job, altering 200. year-old methods of providing Government finance without running into a mega-disaster. Mr George acknowledged the efficiency of the old market, but regretted that a privileged few finished up within the market's high walls of obligations and rewards. More open markets are the ultimate aim, but, as Mr George pointed out, change delayed for too long makes a small evolutionary step a leap in

His point that the old structure probably militated against any change at all and that markets will be freer in future to develop in comaratively unknown directions is worth bearing in mind. Some of his proposals have been dismissed as heeding the letter but hardly the spirit of change, in particular the exaggerated importance attached to discount houses in the new set-up.

Yeslerday Mr George provided more examples of how the best of the old will be tacked onto the new. The package of privileges for gilt market-makers, which include lax breaks, close relationships with the Bank and access to last resort funding sound similar to the present range of jobbers' perks. The Bank wants to see gift trading on the Stock Exchange floor, as now, as well as telephone trading. It has no plans to relax its supervisory

His comments on the discount houses however, contain the flavour of real alteration. Gilt market-makers can evolve into discount houses. The Bank eventually will be willing to establish a discount house relationship with any newcomer with a good record. Considering the intimacy of the ties between the Bank and the houses, that adds up to a big

commitment to change.

Meanwhile, back in the big, bad world of the old gilt-edged market, the Government Broker may have regretted that the pace of evolutionary change has not already swallowed him up. The new tap, £800 million of Exchequer 10 % per cent 2005, was expected to open at a quarter premium or £40 1/4 in its partly-paid form. Some dealers even suggested the stock would be taken out immediately.

Not a bit of it. The Government Broker sold stock at one-eighth premium, and then retreated, whereupon the market slipped. Most of the trading apparently was tax-loss switching. Long-dated stocks finished more or less unchanged on the day, while shorts improved by some 7s point at best. Nothing to write home

The Hanson formula

for success

Hanson Trust's annual general meeting at the Barbican Centre in London yesterday had the air of a prayer meeting for members of an extreme evangelical cult. More than 500 faithful made the pilgrimage through arctic conditions to praise (and just one to criticize) Lord Hanson, the charismatic 62-year-old chairman of the bricks-and-batteries-to-stores and engineering combine. The days when it is good to be a high-profile, high-market

Who can blame them? Hanson has devised a formula for success unequalled by others in the FT 30 index, except BTR and Sir Owen Green, another conglomerate with bold objectives and, the market senses. P&O under the new direction of Sir Jeffrey Sterling. An investment of £1,000 in Hanson when it went public 21 years ago would now be worth nearly £500,000, assuming rights worth £13,660

In the last year alone, Hanson shares. have outperformed the market by nearly 50 per cent and in the last mouth; much to ine norror of powell Dullryn, Fixin latest takeover target, they have done II per cent better.

The relentless upward movement in the Hanson price has ensured that terms of four-for-three for Powell Duffryn, which stood little chance of succeeding, when launched in the middle of December, now look almost irrisistible. PD shareholders should however, wait to see Powell's updated profit forecast, promised for the first week of February and not accept Hanson's terms at tomorrow's first closing

day.

Hanson is now Britain's eleventh largest company with a market capitalization of nearly £2.2 billion, it is a highly motivated, professionally manned and carefully run group. Its timing on the takeover front, as Powell Duffryn is painfully aware is superb.

Clausen confident of Abbey Life may Africa fund launch

directly. Coordination of re-sources made available in other ways will play a much bigger part in the bank's strategy.

ments for about \$600 million and that \$800-900 million was obtainable. He added: "\$800-

900 million will not be an

absolute catastrophe. It will be

the hinge on which we can hang the door. What will matter will

Nevertheless, Mr Clausen said vesterday that since the beginning of December the bank had received commit-

By Michael Prest Financial Correspondent

Fears on dual residence

By lan Griffiths

granted to some companies invisible earnings. The associ-

millee.

The World Bank is confident increasing the share of multila-that its proposed special assis-tance fund for sub-Saharan Africa wil be launched in For its part, the World Bank recognizes that the \$1 billion it hoped to raise for the fund is now virtually unobtainable. The US. Germany and nessible the said programme.

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the Poreign Secretary, and Mr Timothy Raison, the aid minister - the British Government was still saying that it had not set reached a decision on the form Britain's contribution

float shares

Abbey Life, the insurance company wholly owned by ITT of the US, may float a minority of its shares on the stock market. ITT has asked Warburg, the merchant bank, and Ernst and Whinney, the accountants, to carry out a feasibility study.

been bought by BAT Industries.

man and managing director of Abbey, said a share flotation would raise the company's profile.

STOCK MARKETS Bargains26,152 Datastream USM105,05 (+0.74) New York Dow Jones1233.66 (+2.87) Tokyo Nikkel Dow11,933.02 (+109.11) Hong Kong: Hang Seng1358.81 (+27.81) Ameterdam:191.4 (+0.1) The Inland Revenue's plans The proposed legislation to increase the tax yield by could also be disimental to introducing legislation to re Britan's finencial institutions 191.4 (+0.1) 734.3 (-0.4) introducing legislation to re- Britan's functional institutions Sydney: AO strict corporation tax reliefs and contribute to a reduction in Frankfurt ..1149.5 (+12.2) Commerzbank .. .129.14 (-22.12)

Zurich: SKA General . The association argues that relation to the level of their the proposals, which wold affect investment in the US. companies with dual residence. Rather than proceed with GOLD predominantly those incorpor- what it sees as being piecemeal predominantly those incorporated in the US but also resident legislation the association has a comprehensive could hit overseas invesment in come which should be carried british which is potentially out by an independent company and solution of the comprehensive could hit overseas invesment in income which should be carried damaging at a time of high out by an independent company comprehensive come which should be carried company comprehensive come company comprehensive come comprehensive come comprehensive come comprehensive come comprehensive come comprehensive comprehensive come comprehensive comprehensive come comprehensive comprehe

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The new shares are being offered at 38p, a 7p discount on yesterday's price. Careless Capel and Leonard holds 14,98 per cent of the company

CURRENCIES £: \$1.1195 (~0.0015) £: DM 3.5710 (+0.0070) £: SwFr 2.9975 (~0.0165) £: FFr 10.9340 (+0.0155) £: Yen 285.40 (+0.10) £ Index: 71.3 (unchanged)

Bank Base: 12% 3-month interbank 121/2-12% 3-month eligible bills 11% - 11%

Employment up by 49,000 as earnings rise 6.6%

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

There was a 49,000 rise in the disputes, mainly the coal strike, authorities and the coal indus- 20,000 jump in the number of number of people in work in the third quarter of 1984, the Department of Employment said yesterday. However, the growth in the employed labour the return to work and the fact workers. the November represented the first anniversary of the overforce which started in 1983, has slowed down, official statisticians say.

Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Employment, said yesterday that the pound's low level should be "very encourag-ing" for jobs, offering "a huge opportunity for exporters." Unemployment has con-

tinued to rise during a period of increasing employment because

the size of the available workforce is growing. The figures were released alongside new pay figures. These showed that average carnings rose by 6.6 per cent in the year to November, compared with 8.2 per cent in October but, because of distortions, the underlying rate is calculated to have been 7.5 per

Average carnings in November were depressed by 0,75 per cent, by industrail

Mr Robert Maxwell, the Mirror group publisher, may have decided to sell his large

Fleet Holdings to avoid disclos-ing more information about his

Liechtenstein-based Pergamon

Holding Foundation which ultimately controlled the shares.

Lord Matthews, the chairman

of Fleet, commenting yesterday on the sale of the 15.76 per cent

shareholding to United News-papers for £30 million, said he was "disappointed" Mr Max-well only told him about the sale of the shares after the deal

was done. He said the trans-

action came soon after a 'routine" letter sent by Fleet to

substantial shareholdeers seek-

ing information about the ultimate beneficial ownership of

"When Mr Maxwell phoned

Norway has set its official

North Sea oil price for January

on a scale between \$27 and

\$27.50, a fall of at least \$1.45

set in October.

slightly cheaper.

over the previous official price

The new price structure

takes the price of Norwegian Brent crude close to its present spot market rate of \$27.25 and

comes as crude oil prices in the

United States are being cut and stocks of petroleum products

are rising.

The new Norwegian prices will be at the higher end of the scale for Eds. Crudes with

Brent and Statfford crude

Britain has yet to set its official North Sea oil price through the British National

Oil Corporation and is unlikely

to do so until after this month's

emergency meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) due to start in Geneva on

January 28.

Opec had been hoping to maintain its \$29 market price with bad weather forcing industrialized nations to buy in

new supplies as stocks run

Premier Consolidated Oilfields, which recently fought off a £100 million takeover bid

from one of its fellow members in the consortium which owns Britain's largest onshore oil-

field at Wytch Farm in Dorset, has announced that it is to raise

various stakes.

stake in the Daily Express group

cent in both months.

The strike's effect on the figures try, and back pay for civil is now diminishing as a result of servants and health service

The 49,000 rise in the time ban, so strike effects drop third quarter was made up of a out of the year-on-year com- 35,000 rise in employment in the services' sector, a 5,000

Other distortions arose from increase in construction and delayed pay settlements in local agricultural employment and a

Quiet day for sterling

day, in what was described as "routine trading" ahead of the Group of Five meeting of hankers in Washington.

it closed at \$1.1195 in London, 15 points down on the day, after holding steady at just above \$1.12 for most of the day. The sterling index was unchanged at 71.3, having remained at that level in most of the hourly calculations during the day.

The money markets took comfort form the pound's

Letter 'behind Maxwell sale'

Lord Matthews (left): did Mr

Maxwell dispose rather than

amazing how he has been

getting out of companies so quickly. Maybe our letter

certainly seemed to move

During Mr Maxwell's take-over bid for Waddington the

company threatened to use British law to disenfranchise his

building up within Opec for an

official price cut.

However, in the United States the big oil companies

have announced cuts in the

prices they are prepared to pay per barrel fotr their refineries.

pays for West Texan inter-

mediate crude by \$1 to \$28, bringing into line with Chevron and Texaco. Mobil has cut its

buying price to \$27.50 and Conoco to \$26.70.

Prices on the US spot market have dropped to \$25.90

and on the future market the price is now \$25.91, a drop of

mor than 20 cents in one week.

putting pressure on Mexico, a

non-Opec member but one which follows Opec policies, to

cut prices by \$2 a barrel below

the Opec marker price.
The downward price press-

ure i the United States is likely

to continue in the wake of new

statistics issued yesterday by the American Petroleum Insti-tute which shows that last week

petrol stocks rose by 0.2 million barrels to 241.6 million

barrels while crude oil stocks

The company is also nego-tiating a production-sharehold-ing contract in the Far East.

Part of the proceeds of the issue may be used to buy into

existing gas or oil production in

the United States.

In the autumn Premier thwarted a takeover bid by Carless Capel and Leonard, which also has an interest in

Wytch Farm and in onshore

oilfields in Hampshire.

United States buyers are

Exxon has cut the price it

quickly in our case."

me he mentioned the letter as 23 per cent stake unless true

heing one of the reasons he sold. ownership of the Pergamon

I was slightly surprised. Maybe Holding Foundation, through it was just an excuse. But it's which his widespread business

Norway reduces oil

price by \$1.45

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The pound had one of its steadiness, the three-month quietest days for weeks yester- interbank rate closing just above the new 12 per cent level base rates, at 12 n = 12 per cent, However, dealers reported some nervousness about today's figures for the public sector borrowing re-

occurred on Monday.

Share prices were marked up across a wide front as insti-

is directed, was disclosed. Mr

Maxwell's entire stake was later

Lord Matthews said he would have been happy to have arranged to place Mr Maxwell's shares if he had asked but added "whether we would have got the

same price for them I don't

know."
Mr Alan Ford, company

secretary for Fleet Holdings.

said that as a "matter of routine" it had sent out a letter

companies Act. That is a provision under which a company is formed to seek information for the pany is formed to seek information for the seek inform

mation from any person who

may have any interest in any

shares asking them to provide certain information about

whether they are the beneficial

owners of the shares" he added. Commenting on the large stake

in Fleet now held by United

Newspapers, which owns maga-

zines and provincial news-papers, Lord Matthews said he had "no strong views" about

R P Martin

takeover

talks fail

By Philip Robinson

Martin, the money brokers, have collapsed. In a statement

to the Stock Exchange yesterday

the firm said discussions which

were taking place solely with a

group involving the manage-

The shares, 310p six weeks

ago before talks were announced plunged 62p to 323p.
At one point during the talks the price touched 410p.

Mr David McWilliam, man-

aging director for 11 months. declined to comment on

whether the talks had faltered

on price or that Security Pacific,

the American west coast bank

and future owners of Hoare

Govett, the stockbrokers, was

However, the City is con-vinced that a firm "for sale"

sign now hangs above Martin. There have been a number of management changes since it

forged links with the West

German money broking group Bierbaum and Co.

involved.

Takeover talks at R. P.

the holding

sold in the market.

The FT Index rose 19.5 points to 981.3 to make a twoday gain of 32 points. This more than wipes out the panic full in share prices that

tutional buying returned to a market found short of stock.

self-employed and member of the armed forces. This was offset by decline of 5,000 in struction has been described by The 49,000 rise in the manufacturing employment employed labour force in the and 6,000 in the energy and water supply industries.

Later figures for employment in manufacturing, show a rise of 6,000 in October and no

change in November.
The 49,000 rise in people in work in the third quarter of last year compared with 17,000 in the second quarter and 48,000 in the first.

It was well below the high rates of increase recorded in the second half of 1983, when the employed labour force rose by 66,000 in the third quarter and 112,000 in the fourth.

In the year to the third quarter of 1984, the employed labour force grew by 226,000 including a 233,000 rise in employment in service industries and a 33,000 drop in manufacturing employment.

manufacturing employment.

The evidence is that many companies still prefer to offer their existing workers overtime, rather than take on new staff.

in talks on co-operation

By Our City Staff

The board of the Cunard shipping group Trafalgar House will next month consider a report outlining possible areas of cooperation with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company in its cruise liner and container ship operations.

of Trafalgar House, told share holders at the annual meeting be areas where economies can takeover bid for P&O which it later lapsed - as being "at an alltime high". The Trafalgar chairman said

later that a joint committee, and individual groups, had been bristol Channel Ship Repairers examining ways of making vesterday attempted to presavings but no decisions had yet been made.

Bristol Channel Ship Repairers vesterday attempted to presavings but no decisions had yet been made.

During the meeting. Sir Nigel said Trafalgar was still looking at ways of re-engaging its flagship vessel, the Queen Elizabeth 2, and had also explored the prospects of cherical accompany to the prospects of cherical accompany to the distribution of the prospects of cherical accompany to the distribution of the prospects of cherical accompany to the distribution of the prospects of the prospect obtaining a government subsidy in view of the strategic importance of keeping the ship in service.
If the vessel were fitted with

from 10 to 20 years.

Cruise lines

yesterday there were "certain to Package deal be made". And he described General Accident yesterday relations between the two announced its entry into the groups - Trafalgar had made a unit linked market. It aims to

Shares in the gas group BOC jumped 14p to 287p yesterday after it reported a bumper start to the year. Mr Richard Giordano, chief executive, told shareholders at the annual general meeting in London that the first quarter was finishing "substantially higher" than a year ago.

for the year.

AGB advances AGB Research, the market research group, made profits of £3.5 million compared with £3 million for the six months to October 31, 1984. The interim Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman dividend is 2.5p against 2.4p.

> General Accident yesterday attract £15 million in the first

Ship guarantee

J. Henry Schroder Wagg, the merchant bank, is launching a venture capital investment fund in Britain after its successful new engines she would halve entry in the United States in the fuel bill and double her life 1983 with the Schroder Venture

£1bn London docks plan

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

billion development of the 700-acre Royal Docks.

The corporation is expecting

in commercial leisure and recreational schemes which will transform the derelict docks into what Mr Christopher

development is the building of a

The London Docklands short landing and take-off Development Corporation, the airport. Mr Patrick Jenkin, the body responsible for regenerat-ing 5,000 acres of the capitals Environment, has yet to give redundant docks area, has final approval to the airport revealed its plans for the £1 plan which would be developed plan which would be developed by John Mowlem.

Until the uncertainty over its future is resolved, developers the private sector to come up and financial institutions are with three-quarters of that sum unlikely to commit themselves to investing large sums of money in the Royal Docks.

However, the Corporation says that some of the leading Benson, its chairman, describes pension funds and insurance as "a thriving water city". companies have already shown
The crucial factor in the interest in the Royal Docks. companies have already shown Golden Thames, page 17

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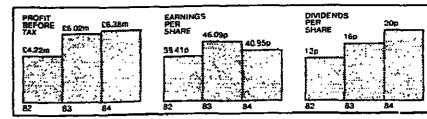
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Oil Services and Textiles "Steady and continuing growth"

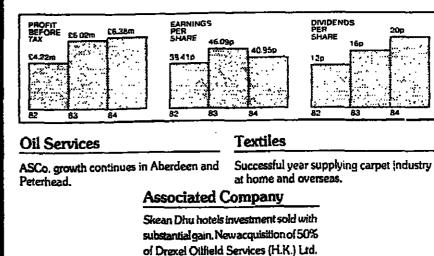
 Record trading profits from established businesses +12% to £5.2M. +36% to £1.6M.

Textiles Strong financial position. Borrowings only 7% of total funds employed. 25% dividend increase and scrip issue.

 New investments for future growth in international oil services and microcomputers.



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But last night - after a 45-minute meeting between Mr Clausen and Sir Geoffrey Howe.

might take.

It was underlined in Whitehall, however, that Britain
definitely supports the fund in
principle. But officials continued to stress that budgetary constraints militated against be the policy of the donors."

Abbey Life was built up by Mr Mark Weinburg in the 1960s. He left in 1970 to start Hambro Life, which has just Mr Michael Hepher, chair-

£16.3 million from share-bolders through an issue of 44,725,559 ordinary shares. The money will be used to help finance further development at Wytch Farm over the

RISES:

next three years and new projects in Italy, Trinidad, the United States and the North MARKET SUMMARY

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

However, this strategy aprose by 5.9 million barrels to pears to have failed and there is 341.7 million barrels.

Premier to raise £16m

New York: £: \$1,1185 \$: DM 3.1932

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INTEREST RATES

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Federal Funds 8%%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.78-7.72%
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managing director.

E. W. Payne: Mr T. D. Carpenter and Mr P. Roundell are appointed to the board.

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Mr Alan Barter has been made engineering director.

J. Hepworth & Son: Mr J. T.

Rowlay has resigned as joint managing director, while remaining a non-executive director and Mr G. W. Davies has been appointed group chief executive.

Fleming Claverhouse Invest ment Trust: Lord Mark Fitza-onics: Mr lan Howard is made chairman.

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Section 12

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

foreign exchange markets Few operators were anxious to open fresh positions in front Monday.
of the "big five" meeting of At one finance ministers in Washington.

The pound was under no pressure, simply moving in line this advantage closing with the dollar which through—
out traded quietly though with Sterling's trade welg

The pound held steady on Norway's crude price more or less confirmed what was known in the Statoil statement on

At one stage during the mid-session the pound reached \$1.1240, but could not maintain an easier bias. The latest cuts in index was unaltered at 71.3

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES



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COMPANY NEWS

PETER BLACK BUYS JENTIQUE: Peter Black Holdings has purchased the business of lentique—
which is in the hands of joint receivers, Messrs Michael Jordan and Robin Addy of Cork Gully—for 1675,000 paid in cash. The business is at East Dereham, near Norwich. This acquisission represents a further step in Peter Black's planned strategy of increasing involvement in wood products for the home.

SOUTHERN BUSINESS — KENNINGS ESTATES: Year. and is well able to meet its over required. Turnover 2,715 (2,545). Profit is after the Author of 2,715 (2,545). Profit is a wood products for the home.

SOUTHERN BUSINESS

(1.25p) for year to Sept 30. Figs in £000. Turnover 6,098 (4,740).

Pretax profit 1,518 (1,170), Tax 275

Timance Act an additional provision of feed,000 for deferred tax is 59,1p (43.9p).

Fig. Final 1.5p mkg2.25p

charged against reserves.

COUNTY PROPERTIES:

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(34), Extraordinary debits 606 (127) did tax provn. EPS 9.1p (9.12p on old cap). Forward contracted income at was £27 million (at Sept -30, 1983, £19 million).

Kleinwort Renson Australia (Holdings) is expanding its treasury operations by buying 34 per cent of the authorized money market dealer, Colonial Mutual Discount Company. KBA is jointly owned by Kleinwort, Benson and the Colonial Mutual Life Assorance

BEECHAM GROUP: It was announced on Dec 18, 1984 that Beecham had agreed, subject to UK merger clearance and in the case of the US portion of the business, to appropriate US clearance, to acquire British-American Cosmetics, the cosmetics and fragrances business of BAT for £125m. Following the receipt of UK and US merger clearances completion of the acquisition took place on Jan. 15. About £104m of the consideration has been satisfied by the issue of 29.124.532 new ord. in Beecham under a vendor placing.

Belance has been raid in Cash

BRAMMER has allotted 14,400
Brammer ord shares to Mr-D. P.
Dawson of United Electronics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Brammer. The shares allotted form the second instalment of £40,000 consideration due under the second in consideration due under an agree-ment by which co acquired a 20 per

share 22.7p (2p).

year. Figs in £000. Turnover 6,931 (6,310) for half-year to Ot 31, 1984. Pretax profit 356 (151), after interest 34 (23). Tax 217 (100), Extraordinary debits 723 (nil). EPS 1,46p (0,54p).

under a vendor placing.

Balance has been paid in cash from the Beecham Group's own US dollar resources. The shares have been placed with institutional cliente.

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CENTROVINCIAL ESTATES:
Half-year to Sept 30. Interim 3p (same). Figs in £000. Gross reutal income 4,413 (4,349). Net income from properties, before interest and tax. 2,445 (2,230). Interest payable (net of receipts) 1,077 (730). Pre-tax revenue 1,374 (1,500) — arising in the UK 968 (1,199) — overseas 406 (301). Tax 441 (598).

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consideration due may agreement by which to acquired a 20 per cent minority shareholding in United Electronies from Mr. Dawson. A third and final instalment of £40,000 will be satisfied by the iaster of further ord shares of Brammer on Dec 3! next, whose number will be deterined by the market value at that date.

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• PETER BLACK BUYS JEN- • KENNINGS ESTATES: Year, and is well able to meet

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10 per cent increase for year to Oct 31, 1984, Figs in 1R £000, Turnover 62,833 (43,604). Trading profit 2,949 (2,356). Pre-tax, profit 3,044 (2,418). Tax 1,435 (833). Minorities COUNTY PROPERTIES:
Total dividend 34 per cent for 18
months to Sept 30, compared with
16.5 per cent for previous year. Figs
in 1000. Turnover 6,972 (4,543).
Pretax profit 5,329 (1,927). Tax
2,695 (1,352). Extraordinary debit
964 (credit 295). Earnings pr "B"
share 22.7n (Zn). • AEROSPACE ENGINEER-ING: Interim 1.2p (1.625p). Final div. will be dependent on results for year. First in 5000 T.

Tace, the electronic, electrical and mechanical control equipment holding company, produced pretax profits in the year to September 30, 114 per cent Colonial Mutual Life Assurance
Society. The deal has been cleared by the Reserve Bank of Australia, but is still subject to approval of the Foreign Investment Review Board.

STANDARD SECURITIES: higher at £2.6 million on turnover 19.4 per cent higher at £17.9 million. The shares ment Review Board.

SEPCHAM GROUP It was 1.395 (667). Other on income 2.186 (1.840). Net trading inc growth and all group companies recorded higher profits than in 1983. New markets are continually being developed, the company said and trading in the first quarter of the current year is well ahead.

BETT BROS: Final 1.9p; mts 3.1p (2.65p) for year to Aug 31. Figs in £000. Turnover 21,465 (20,045). Pretax profits 1,315 (377). Tat 311 (credit 25). Extraordinary debits 128 (207). EPS 5,84p (1.29p).

MCMULIEN AND SONS Final 2.34p making 4.68p (4.32p) for \$2 weeks to Semember 29, 1983 (53 weeks). (Figs in £000): Group turnover 22,339 (21,442). Group trading profit 2.378 (3,154): Profit on sale of investments 219 (313). Pretax profits 2,597 (3.467). Tax 1,088 (1,601). Extraordinary items after tax 125 (65). Exceptional grafit (deferred tax adjustments; due 10 · (deferred - tax adjustments due 10 change in tax rate) 1,194 (mil).

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Concluding a Times investigation into who is behind the million-pound property deals in London

River Thames fringed with investors' gold

Existing school
City of London Corp



The face of London's river is

changing as derelict docks and warehouses make way for offices

and homes. The view from the Tower of London

to Blackfriars Bridge on the north side will

be transformed. Judith Huntley reports on how

foreign investors are spearheading developments.

Thames, through the heart of London. was once a thriving commercial thoroughfare. But its fortunes now lie in the development potential along its banks rather than in serving the shipping which used to crowd the Port of

The river's banks, from the docks in the east to Vauxhall in the west, are undergoing a transformation brought about by dramatic changes in ownership as Arab interests and other overseas investors lead the way in converting riverside sites from trade to commerce.

Westminster and to the main commuter termini. The changing patterns of London's business have left redundant docks to allow the St Martin's and dereliet warehouses as sad development has started a bitter reminders of times past. Many dispute. The local council, are being redeveloped to pro-Southwark, opposed the scheme vide the offices, houses, work- and was supported by local

The Kuwaiti royal family is rather than offices. responsible for the largest development along the riverside under the control, however, of since the Great Fire in 1666. A the London Docklands Develhuge site stretching from Lon- opment Corporation, which is don Bridge to Tower Bridge south of the river, formerly 5,000 acres of redundant dock-hay's Wharf, is being develland.

oped with 2 million sq ft of The LDDC supported the offices, a private hospital, new shopping housing and industry. Patrick Jenkins, Secretary of the Greater L \$2.7 million.

The developer, the St Martin's State for the Environment, used The GLC Property Corporation, rep-special planning powers to give resents the Kuwaiti royal family Government approval. through the Kuwait Investment There has been no such Office. A staggering £350 positive conclusion to the

London Bridge City. million, has begun. The old

offices and the bospital. The to give variety along the 24-acre

Next to London Bridge Station, No 1 London Bridge will have office towers of nine and 12 storeys and a five-storey glass atrium. Chamberlain's Wharf is the site for the 118-bed private hospital, which is being built behind the restored facade. The old Hay's Dock building is to be transformed into the Hays Gallerra, with 304,000 aq ft of offices, a public gallery and museum, wine bur, coffee

houses and shopping under a conservatory-style roof. When the scheme is complete The value of the large wharf it will be possible to walk under and warehouse sites lining the Thames lies in their proximity to the City, to the West End, to Westminster and to the main will be landscaping and open space along the way.

The Government's decision shops and tourist havens pressure groups which wanted needed by today's society.

public housing and industry The half-mile-long site comes

warehouses that flanked the river from the Houses of and much political battling to road from London Bridge are Parliament. Vauxhall Cross gradually disappearing, to be consists of two pieces of land replaced by 800,000 sq. ft of now owned by Middle East site.

buildings lining the river are years while at least 17 develop-designed by different architects. ment proposals have come and

Pressures from conservation groups descated plans for a 500foot office tower nicknamed the Green Giant.

Next came Mr Ronald Lyon, of the Arunbridge property group, backed by Middle Eastern investors in a plan for 1.15 million square feet of offices. Mr Michael Heseltine, then Environment Secretary, turned on the Green Giant and persuaded Arunbridge to hold promising in return to cut the usual public inquiry procedure.

The winning design featured zig-zag office blocks facing the river, with the flats projecting from them. But the effort proved academic: Arunbridge went into voluntary liquidation in 1983, and the site remains in

L L five-year struggle to resolve the development of Coin Street close to Waterloo Bridge, ended last year in victory for community groups. Greycoat Commercial Estates abandoned plans for an ambitious project between Black-friars and Waterloo bridges for responsible for regenerating one million sq ft of offices, 5,000 acres of redundant dock-shopping and residential development on the 13-acre site, and sold its interest in the land to the Greater London Council for

The GLC has given consent for the Association of Waterloo Groups, a pressure group, to develop the site with 400 homes, 26,000 sq ft of studio million is to be spent on the wrangling over the Vauxhall and workshop space, a park and scheme, which is known as Cross site, on each side of viewing platform on top of that and workshop space, a park and as British. It can provide the ondon Bridge City.

Vauxhall Bridge upriver from familiar Thames landmark, the The first phase, costing £120 the Archbishop of Canterbury's Oxo tower. It took five years of callion, has begun. The old Lambeth Palace and across the expensive protracted planning

Middle East interests

Reach development, next to Blackfriars Bridge on the south bank. It is now owned by Sea Containers, the Bermuda-based shipping group which bought Scalink. The project started life as offices, housing and a riverside hotel; but un-fortunately for the original developer the bottom dropped

out of the London hotel market temporarily and grants towards construction were withdrawn. The half-completed shell remained an eyesore for years until Sea Containers bought and began converting it to offices. It will provide 230,00 sq ft of offices, with 70,000 sq ft let to British Information Systems.

has not suffered the same decay and neglect, because commer-cial development at least has always been more attractive to investors north of the river. The City of London is the magnet which draws foreign banks and financial organizations as well

office space they need.

The traditional wharves and docks that lined the north bank in the City have outlived their

by the Tower are now the City of London Corporation. Another scheme with a varied career is the King's names of office blocks.

Coin Street

The City of London Corporation, which owns about a third of the City's real estate, is in a powerful position to control development on its waterfront. and the ancient city livery companies, also large landowners, can exert similar influence on redevelopment.

The tace of the river is changing. The view from the Tower of London to Blackfriars Bridge on the north side will soon be dramatically different from that which now meets the eye. New office buildings have been completed and others are being renovated and upgraded to meet the requirements of British and foreign companies.

The most striking changes to the river frontage has begun with the development of Billingsgate Market and the adjoining site. Stepped glass office towers will sit next to the former fish market, which is being converted to commercial

illingsgate had moved usefulness and redevelopment its operations to the London has taken place, with office buildings flanking the bridges. Victorian market building. The Three Quays and Sugar Quay site next door, owned by the

was used as a car park, but its potential for commercial deveicoment was immense and there were several bids from develrenovate the market.

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In the end London & Edinburgh Trust, a Borish property company run by two brothers. Peter and John Beckwith, won the day, LET is a partner with the commodity group S & W Berisford.

The scheme will have a total of 245,000 sq ft of offices, to be built in phases next to the former market and fronting the will form part of the develop-ment and office towers and surroundings will be landscaped

Next door to the Tower of London, a startling transformation has taken place. St Katharine's Dock has been developed by Taylor Woodrow into a tourist attraction. The warehouses surrounding the dock have been converted into shops, offices and homes overlooking the nineteenth-century Thames barges, with their distinctive red sails, moored there with the latest glass-fibre cruisers.

The dock was the property of the Port of London Authority,

which sold its interest to Taylor Woodrow, but it still operates the lick leading to the river. A modern hotel. The Tower,

Billingsgate London & Edmourgh Trust S & W Bensford

raises above the dock, offering unrivalled views of the river and the Tower of London itself. The World Trade Centre and International House provide office space for a plethora of British and overseas companies engaged in broking, insurance and shipping. And the London Commodity Exchange recently signed a deal to make its home at St Katharine's Dock.

lose to St Katharine's Dock is the site of the former Royal Mint, where Britain's coinage was struck for many years. The Crown Commissioners own the site, and there are proposals to develop about 300,000 sq ft of offices: listed buildings have to be retained, with any new office development paying for their renovation. So far no developer has come along, but there is talk of converting the Mint into an

Nearer Blackfriars Bridge, two of the old wharves are eyesore. of Britain's largest property development.

bought Wharf a few years ago with the long-term aim of redeveloping this valuable riverside site with

Nearby, LEP Group, the international freight forwarders, has planning Permission for about 200,000 sq ft of offices surplus to requirements.

The City of London Corporation is building a new boys' school near the Mermaid Theatre and the school's riverside building near Blackfriars Bridge and Fleet Street will eventually be redeveloped. The City had agreed to sell the school to a developer some time ago but the plan for a 400,000 sq ft office development which would have paid for the new school, never came to fruition. The office market went into the developer pulled out.

Will British investors find funds for redevelopment along some of the most valuable riverside sites in the world or will it be left to foreign money?

Developers are keen to obtain a foothold on the north side, but the south bank is still regarded as the "wrong" side of the river. it could remain a neglected cyesore. With Government scheduled for long-term re- funds being cut back, there is development. Hammerson, one little prospect of public-sector

STOCK MARKET REPORT

US influence helps index back to near peak

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

strong American buying and share price. Shares so points interest rate increase will due for deli after all be enough to steady believed to be instances yester-sterlings sent the FT 30 share day of investors short of BT

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rumours that a top American institution had commenced a \$1 billion (£892 million) share buying programme which will be concentrated largely on British equities.

British equities.

All index constituent stocks made progress. British Telecom surged 5½p to a 125½p peak as keen transatlantic buying developed. Glaxo Group jumped on Zantac hopes in Japan and Imperial Group soared 12p to analysts and fund managers 206p as the feeling grew that it had clinched the deal to sell its impressed its audiences. The shares rose 2p to 179p and city

level ruling before the sterling jitters created on occasions near panic selling.

The FT 30 share index has

According to Datastream calculations shares bounced back to £3,000 million yesterday, making a two day recovery worth £4,780 million.

Glaxo followers. At the rest of the moment, Capel suggests profits of about £325 million for the year to June, but that figure might well rise to £340 million or more.

BT's trans-Atlantic demand

Stemmed from British institutional and American invesprofits will be more like £360

Equities were in exhilarating tors who have been caught out million, so Capel has still some ing. The shares jumped 14p to men continue in the belief that

Shares sold in the US are now due for delivery and there were sterlings sent the FT 30 share index surging 19.5 points to 981.3 points – less than 2 points from its peak.

Many of the American favourites were sharply higher.

The gains were accompanied by Capel, the stockbroker. Analyst

Glaxe got a boost from James Capel, the stockbroker. Analyst Mr Robin Gilbert, currently taking a look at Japan, believes Glaxo could sell as much as £50 million worth of Zantac there

had clinched the deal to sell its troublesome Howard Johnson catering and hotel group.

After two traumatic days trading the stock market has now climbed back to near the level ruling before the sterline

this year, the first full year for the anti-ulcer drug. That means the broking firm jumped 32 points in the past two trading days, almost recouping its loss.

That uncaus the days is likely to bring profit forecasts up into line with the rest of the Glaxo followers. At the

is mentioned. Zantac is rapidly becoming a world-beating product. There is only one other high-selling antiulcer drug on the market, and Zantac looks to be catching up quickly. Tagamet, made by the US corporation Smith Kline, is the single largest selling drug in the world, but Capel, and other brokers, believe Zantac sales could overtake it by 1986.

At Glaxo, a spokesman for the group would only say: "Sales in Japan have had a very encouraging start, but it's only been available there for six weeks. We need to see the four month sales figures before we know just how well it's going".

W Greenwell, the stockbroker, added a note of caution to the City chat about Glaxo. The firm points out that a third anti-ulcer drug is about to hit the Japanese market. Gaster, made by Yamanouchi, goes on sale in early summer, and could knock those sales forecasts from

run, was rumoured to have sold Ho-Jo for about £360 million. BOC Grosp was another index constituent in form

Nevertheless, expects full year profits of about £355 million, with currency benefits helping Glaxo gain on the £256 million made last time. Imps, which enjoyed a late

following an encouraging in-vestment presentation at Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, and the yearly shareholders' meet-

the firm is beginning to sound less like a dissenter when Glaxo which has attracted a multitude which has attracted a multitude of takeover rumours in recent months, rose 2p to 370p.

Market talk suggested that Rowe and Pitman, the stock-broker had placed a block of 5 million shares through the market. The brokers refused to

comment.
Mr Nicholas Nightingale. Rowntree's company secretary, said: "We are unable to comment on the reported

The Burton Group emerged yesterday as the surprise seller of a near 5 per cent stake in Etam. A single buyer pitched for the entire stake. Instead the 2.4 million shares were split between a few institutions at 142p each Ward White is 142p each wara white is rumoured to have built a stake of just under 5 per cent, and Hepworths have been tipped as a possible Etam bidder. The women's fashion group's own shares closed last night unshanged at 145 n changed at 145p.

transaction in our shares. We have received no information

present we await answers to our routine inquiries about parcels of shares which came to our

notice last month.

The shares are in separate parcels of 2 million and 2.5 million and together represent under 3 per cent of the total company equity. Swiss banks apparently acted as nominees in both cases".

Rumours of substantial Swiss buying of Rowntree's has often swirled in the market. Government stocks failed to join the market party. They were mixed with small gains in the shorts matched by falls in

long dated stocks. The new tap started at £40 % in its slightly paid form. There was some disappointment that it did not sell out immediately. The FT-SE share index was 20.9 points higher at 1,254.1 points. Besides the American

connection which had considerable impact on blue chips, the market drew strength from thoughts that, after the panic moves, to bolster sterling,

Business was brisk on the London options market, with a total of 12,204 contracts traded. City men are also looking forward to profit figures for the current year and the Expamet made, and 228 puts. Market of stock.

Courtaulds also stood out on

the options listers, with 1,266 calls placed against just 63 puts. Bid rumours were amplified by the rush for call contracts.

Commercial Union stayed prominent, also subject to takeover hopes. In total, 1,197 CU contracts were traded, with 954 of them calls.

The new 10 per cent Exchequer 1989 gift came in for options business. Call contracts

outnumbered puts, but not by a big margin, emphasising the unspectacular start to dealings in the stock yestrerday. There were 287 call contracts, against 151 puts. Market opinion on the future

direction of the FT-SE 100 share index stays gloomy. Put contracts were triple the number of calls, at 691 puts against Kode International jumped 17p higher to 200p as buyers returned to the stock. The share

price weakened in recent weeks. falling from the 225p level to around 160p. Waring & Gillow continued to gain on talk of a bid for the

from the brokers.

He added: "We do monitor our share register regularly for changes of ownership. At gain of 15p.

Style was also back in the bid limelight, with a 13p rise to 158p. British Land is reckoned to be the next to try to break up to be the next to try to break up

the massive freehold assets of the shoe shops group.

The property company, led by chairman Mr John Ritblat, already has more than 5 per cent of Stylo ordinary stock but is thought to be negotiating with the Ziff family to get hold of the

all-important management shares which carry 16 votes Davy Corporation rose 7p to 94p in anticipation of today's half year results. Market expectations were for profits of around £6.5 million.

Davy is rated a "buy" by the chartists currently. Some analysts reckon the share price could reach 120p, given the right results today.

Expannet International, the industrial holding company, found supporters in the stock market yesterday following the company's announcement of the acquisition of APT Controls interest rates may soon start to for £4.77 million. APT make fall again. A modest Wall Street wheel clamps and parking performance and the miners meters and offer Expannet a drift back to work also helped welcome move away from the building supplies business.

British Telecom again headed share price jumped 7p to 99p as the list with 1,861 call options buyers chased a small amount

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Trusthouse disappoints

London as a holiday resort, the question was how good would it be? Yesterday's preliminary figures which revealed pre-tax profits of £105.2 million, up from £82.1 million, must be intepreted as very good but not

spectacularly so.
Perhaps the problem for THF is the common assumption that its fortunes are inextricably linked to the dollar/sterling relationship. There is a feeling that every cent knocked off the pound's value will bring another thou-sand eager American tourists

hammering on THF's doors looking for a bed for the night.

In fact, US visitors accounted for only 30 per cent of THF's customers in London and much less in the provinces. and much less in the provinces. While the company has not been slow to take advantage of the situation it has not made the mistake of pandering too much to the North American markets in an attempt to gather

in short term profits.

The most beneficial aspect of the pound's weakness has been THF's new found ability to force UN travel operators to accept much smaller discounts on advance block bookings.
The consequence has been that achieved room rates, the amount collected compared to the full room rate, have shown a tremendous improvement. Further advances can be expected on this front in the

Occupancy rates have also

to attract more customers. This offers an ideal opportunity for the group to produce some valuable profits growth.

The main thrust of THF's attention will continue to be in the UK where it is succeeding in increasing the number of domestic customers. However, the US must be an area where the group will be looking for

better performance. The US operations last year were pretty disappointing. Virtually all the profits increase was attributable to currency translation. However, there has been a concerted effort to improve management and productivity over there and some genuine improvements cannot be far away. THF's balance sheet still

remains strong although its asset backing was bolstered by a £140 million revaluation surplus on some of its properties during the year. Gearing remains fairly constant at around £33 per cent and could have reduced had it not been have reduced had it not been for an additional £25 million liability incurred on the translation of the US loan portfolio.

The market was a little disappointed that THF could do no more than produce figures in line with expectations and the share price dipped 3p to 156p where the yield is 4.3 per cent. The worries about levelling out of tourist demand in London have a degree of justification but THF is well insulated

men continue in the belief that the BT share price has new heights to reach.

It was never going to be a bad improved and there has been an encouraging trend for the given the recent popularity of London as a holiday record the

AGB Research

AGB Research's rapid profits growth over the last 10 years could not last for ever. The slowdown arrived with yesterday's interim figures: pretax profits of £3.5 million, by the company's own standards, represent a relatively meagre

16 per cent advance.

The reasons for the slowdown, however, offer encouragement for the future Operations have been restructured resulting in above-the-line redundancy costs the benefits of which will not quickly

become apparent.

More important, AGB has been spending heavily on 11 separate projects, in the early stages of development. With little of the expenditure qualilying for capitalization, profits have been hit. AGB has also had to increase borrowings to finance the expansion which increases the interest bill. Gearing will remain below 50

per cent.

AGB's long-term prospects, therefore, remain encouraging and the short-term full has to be accepted as part of the company's strategy. It is capable of making around £9.4 million in the full year. The shares up 5p yesterday at 237p are in the middle of their current trading range. As benefits emerge they are likely

Tace plc

Benefits from high technology products continue Preliminary Results for the year

to 30th September, 1984 # Turnover increased to £17,998,000

(1983 -£15,071,000). * Profit before tax increased to £2,603,000 (1983 – £1,217,000).

Final dividend 3.0p per share (1983 – 2.0p) giving a total for the year of 4.5p per share (1983 – 3.0p). **≱** New products being well received in

* Growth continuing strongly in current Annual Report from The Secretary, Tace pic, Essex Hell, Essex Street, London WC2R 3JD

home and export markets.





Preliminary Results for the year to 30th September, 1984 * Strong financial position

* Turnover increased 53% to £8.294,000 (1983 - £5,414,000)

* Profit before tax increased 55% to

£2,374,000 (1983 – £1,534,000) * Earnings per share increased 61% to 20.72p (1983 - 12.83p)

* New products and markets boost profits in current year * Final dividend increased 69% to

5.50p per share (1983 – 3.25p) Annual Report from The Secretary, Goring Kert plc. Vale Road, Windsor, Berks SIA-5]X



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From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

Madras

tion on yesterday's rest day was not whether England can save

the fourth Test match but how

tikely they are to win it. With two days left they lead India by

339 runs, and everything so far

has gone almost ominously

England will bet on for a

"brief flurry" this morning

"There's no point in crawling anywhere". Gower says. He describes the putch as being "very flat", but added that "if Norman (Cowans) bends his

back you may see more pace than expected". The ball is

turning less than at a corrè-

sponding stage in Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta. This has

surprised everyone and has

been a big help to England in

enabling them to get the better

England set themselves a target of 600 by Tuesday evening having started the day at 293 for one, and they achieved it. Another 34 runs

would give them the highest

total ever made in a Test match

in India. But more importantly,

what are the chances of bowling

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England party who reads the game as well as most makes it 4-5 England and 4-5 the draw.

In other words, even money. The best potential help for the

howlers lies in the rough outside

the right-handed batsman's off stump. What there is of that is

where Shastri bowled over the

wicket and Siva bowled round

it. Shastri's reason for doing so

was purely negative, as evi-

denced by seven men on the leg

side, four of them set deep; Siva's was to try to unsettle

A remarkable feature of the

match has been the umpiring. We have two Indian "not-

outers" - in fact, two very rare

birds. India's bowlers could get

nothing out of them, and there

is no reason to suppose that

England's will either.

That is not going to make it any easier for England to pull it off, and if Gavaskar should get

through the new ball and

Against West Indies on this

ground bately a year ago, Gavaskar scored 236 not out

and batted for 10 and three

quarter hours. The West Indian

attack consisted of Marshall,

On the other hand, Gavaskar

finds the intense concentration

which has for so long been the

essence of his batting harder to

summon than he did. Figures

prove it. His nine Test innings

this winter have been 48, 37 and

35 against Pakistan, and 27,

Roberts, Davis,

Holding, Roberts Harper and Gomes.

of Sivaremakrishnan.

India out again?

For once the pertinent ques-

CRICKET: INDIA'S CAPTAIN CAN FRUSTRATE ENGLAND'S HOPE OF VICTORY

Gavaskar may spoil the party

RUGBY UNION

Welsh trip to Paris

is frozen off

until end of March

Tighter rules for names conditions at Lloyd's urged

By Alison Eadic

requirements at Lloyd's insurance market has rec-ommended that the £100,000 minimum level of weakh required to be a "name" at Lloyd's should stay the same. but that the amount of deposits to be held by Lloyd's should be raised and that checks made on the names' claim to wealth

should be made more stringent. The £100,000 minimum was set in 1979, but compares with a £75,000 minimum 25 years carlier, which would be worth £624,000 today. The lowering of entry levels was accentuated in 1975, when for four years "mini-names" were allowed in showing only £37,500 of wealth.

The working party, under the chairmanship of Mr Pas Bird, which produced the report, recommends that all Lloyd's names should be treated the same way, effectively outlawing mini-names in future. Although existing mini-names should not be required to show wealth of £100,000, the report says they should increase their deposits in line with all names.

The report recommends that deposits should be raised to 28 per cent of gross overall premium limit - the total amount of business a name can write - compared with current requirements for United Kingdom names of 25 per cent of pet overall premium limit. The net limit is after deduction of reinsurance up to 30 per cent, so the recommendations imply a 45.5 per cent increase over existing requirements.

statement of means should be by a bank, solicitor or account-

A consultative document and as at present, and that published today on membership means should be positively reconfirmed every three years

instead of every four Lloyd's is facing a dilemma in that it needs more capacity (pames) to cope with a sudden upsurge in business in recent weeks and to offset the effects of the rising dollar, but cannot let anyone join because it is wedded to the principle of

unlimited liability. The report recommends the continuance of unlimited liabthey and the ruling council of Lio, d's has already endorsed this recommendation. It has also endorsed the recommendation that all names should come into line on means and deposits. However, the rising dollar

means that in 1984 an increase in sterling capacity of 25 per cent was knocked down to 5 per cent by sterling's depreciation. Lloyd's conducts 70 per cent of its business in dollars. With exchange rate problems

in view, the report recommends that the assets acceptable for deposits he widered to include US securities, US mutual funds and US dollars as a matter of priority. At present only British securities are acceptable. A nese securities is also urged.

Other suggest the the maximum premium limit of £600,000 he abolished, the very rich be allowed to write more business, and that screening procedures for joining be tightened up. issing requirements.

The report also says a name's names should give more inforalement of means should be mation about tamselves with a signed by an independent business reference, giving qualified accountant, instead of character and financial infor-

Murdoch reshuffles magazines division

The News Corporation, pub-lisher of The Times and The Sunday Times, is to reorganize its News Group Magazines subsidiary in the wake of last November's \$350 million (£312

12 former Ziff-Davis titles as well as The Star. New York, New Woman, Elle and the

Mr Martin Singer and of combining our resources mile carefully with the president of combining our resources mile entity, we aim to produce England.

India's for Gave Murdoch Magazines.

Paris (Reuter)- Western

creditor countries have agreed

to allow Poland more time to

repay government-guaranteed debts which were due for settlement between 1982 and

the end of last year, diplomats

lized here late on Tuedsday after a two-day meeting, ended

three years of uncertainty between the 17 Western creditor

nations and the Eastern bloc

The rescheduling deal, fina-

said yesterday.

years, has been appointed executive vice-president of Murdoch Magazines. Mr David Schneiderman, editor of the Village Voice, has been appointed acting publisher following Mr Evans's pro-

motion. Mr Evans was previously the publisher. Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, commented: "Magazines in both the consumer and business classification are in a dynamic growth period. By

Village Voice for the last eight

five, one, 65, 13 and 17 against India's best chance might be lity in all the fields they serve." for Gavaskar to drop down to No 4, from where he made his 236, with Shastri moving up from No 6 to take his place.

Mr John Evans, who has held knuckle down to batting to executive positions at the elemity, he could well do it.



Cowans: England expect him to rise to the challenge of a flat pitch

Srikkanth is too engagingly restless a player to be suited by the requirements of a long rearguard action; Azharuddin is is not sound enough to be going still pretty green; and Amar- in first wicket down; but Lamb still pretty green; and Amar-Vengsarkar and Kapil Dev have been batting recently as though there is no tomorrow. In the 150 overs which they will have, England should just about

Yet when they lost the toss last Sunday morning. England were disappointed. They had seen the chance to bat first as being important, feeling that the pitch would start to wear sooner rather than later. In the event, everything has favoured the side batting second, on the first day conditions were at their hest for bowling, and on the second day and third days they were ideal for batting. But is is one thing to have the luck and another to take advantage of it. as Fowler often does.

England's batting order for this coming summer's series against Australia looks already like developing into a teaser. In the opening position there is Gooch to be brought back, but Robinson and Fowler are averaging 52 and 61 respectively in the present series. This takes no account of Boycott. Broad and Moxon. Gatting, Gower and Lamb are established for the moment in the engine room, though where they

come in is to some extent

There is a theory that Gatting made his centuries against West Indies last summesr either at No 4 or No 5. Butham, if he returns, is best suited at No 5 or No 6, and Gower dislikes No 3. As things are going it would, surely, be madness to move Gatting from where he is. Time and again on this tour he has from there put England on the right road.

Gower was reluctant to talk about the order in which the batsmen appeared during England's innings of 611 for five, beyond saying that for the first hour on Monday, while Robinson and Fowler were settling in, he had the pads on himself. He then took them off and finished by coming in at No 7.

As I wrote yesterday, it did seem a little wary of him not to appear, as most batting captains would have done, when Lamb was third out, with 10 overs left and the score already 563. That he decided otherwise, when he must have known what was psychologically right, may have been a sign of his anxiety, deep down, about his own form.

The best techical reason for Gower's sending Edmonds and Foster in ahead of himself was

rather trickier for left-handers to throw the bat than righthanders, there being more of it England's plan today is to bat for half an hour, but only if the runs are coming quickly. It is

felt that India will be more

affected by pressure if they have

nearer 400 than 300 to make to

save an innings defeat.

The point of having a minimum number of overs in a day's play could not have been better made than it was yesterday. Had India not been obliged to bowl 80, I have doubt that they would have sent down more than 65 or 70. They would have thought of every conceivable ruse, as both sides did when England were last in

India, to slow things down. All being well, the chairman and secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board, who have both been watching this match at Chepauk, will see to it that no Test involving England is ever played again without a minimum-over regulation. Last year the West Indians got away with coming to England without one, as the Indians very nearly did in the present series.

parcels, radios and handbags will be banned from the stadium in Chandigarh, capital of the Punjab, when England that the bowlers' rough makes it play there on January 27,

New Delhi (Reuter) - Food

As no Englishman needs reminding, Water have not lost to England at home since 1963, while the French have seldon been at their most convincing at Twicken-ham. A side effect of the postponement is that several of the Welsh squad — among them Holmes, the captain, Ackerman and Holmes, the captain, Ackerman and Pickering - will probably miss a scheduled trip to Hong Kong with Crawshay's Welsh where they were due to take part in the Cathay Pacific-Hong Kong Bank world seven-a-side tournament on March 13. 'esterday's decision

It is the first tiste a championship match at the Parc des Princes has had in he postponed, although many of those who watched and played in the 1978 game between France and ireland were of the opinion it should

nat have taken place on some a frusthound surface. The projected date for the France-Wales game is March 30, a fortnight after the last scheduled round of champlouship matches this season.

France are retaining the side they chose for next Saturday.

increasingly likely after the freezing weather of the last few days. The ground is frozen to a depth of 15 centimetres, through four centi-metres of snow was cleared on Tuesday before covers were placed on the playing surface, it was as M Ferrasse put it, "too little, too late". If each the Paris city council had known the situation since January 7. but had avoided taking necessary action, while the council countered by saying it would have been exorbitantly expensive to have used bot-air fans to alleviate the

M Ferrasse, not a man to mince his words, suggested the council was biased in favour of the two footbal

Snowed off

Among the victims of the weather Among the victims of the weather yesterday were the New Zealand Schoolboys, who should have met London Schools at Old Deer Park, and Exeter University, who were due to play University College, London for a place in the quarterfinals of this season's Universities Athletic Union Championship. Exeter have re-arranged the game for Sunday but are far from optimistic that it will take place. The UAU quarter-finals, on January 23, are also under threat.

Miss Troke solving puzzle

BADMINTON

From Richard Eaton

Taipei
Helen Troke, the European champion, who nearly caused one of the biggest surprises in badminton history in the opening tournament of the Pro-Kennex world grand prix in Hong Kong last week, is the No I seed for the second event, the Taipei

Masters, which starts here today.

Miss Troke took the world grand prix tile holder. Han Aiping, to the setting in the final game of their match last week. She is now likely to renew her rivalry with Kirsten Larsen, of Denmark, before again lackling the world's outstanding players from China during the circuit's third event in Tokyo - the Japan Open - next week.

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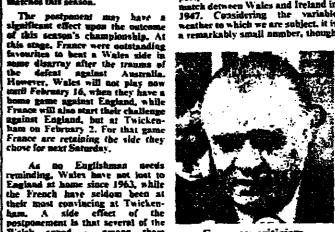
"I feel so much happier now inat I have something to aim at, that it is possible to catch up the Chinese whom everyone thought were unbeatable," she said.
England's two joint No 1 men. Nick Yates and Steve Baddeley, who also did so superbly last week, are speed to peach the last cipht in a are seeded to reach the last cight in a are seeded to reach the last eight in a men's singles field which was strengthened this week by the inclusion of the great Liem Swie King. The three-times all-England champion from Indonesia is expected to meet the world grand prix title holder Morten Frost. England's main worry is the fitness of the world mixed doubles champion and 1980 world women's doubles champion, Nora Perry. Mrs Perry has had a string of injuries, but is hoping to finish the season with more world championship

The 30-year-old form Redbridge is reviewing her partnerships with Gill Clark, the European doubles champion, and Thomas Kihlström of Sweden, her fellow world mixed

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent For only the fourth time since the country world War, a five nations hampiooghly smatch was postponed des Princes. Michel Cagnin, president of the French football terms of had weather when Albert to prepare the pitch for a rugby attributy's game between France would have raised the surface. championship mutch was postponed because of hea weather when Albert became of had weather when Albert Ferrasse unmanaced yesterday that Saturday's game between France and Wales would not take place. M Ferrasse, president of the French indention, also criticiaed roundly the municipal authorities for not dulog enough is save the game.

match could have rained the surface for the reat of the season.
Notither country was keen to play an January 26, France because they have a game a week later with England. Wales because the neat round of the Schweppes Welsh Cup is due to be played that day.
Wales were involved in the last

game to be postponed because of bad seasther when their game with technol in Dublin three years ago was delayed for a week because of the anow. Ireland went on to win that game. In 1956 a frozen ground at Stade Calombes delayed England's name with France, while the other postponement since the war was the atch detween Wales and Ireland is 1947. Considering the variable meather to which we are subject, it is



Ferrasse: criticism

dubious conditions.

Though there was a snowfall in Dublin yesterday, ireland's game with England remains in no danger. The Irish RFL plan to sweep the pitch at Lansdowne Road, and cover it. England are due to leave Heathrow this morning, though they will do so without Woodward, the a replacement on Sunday, but has now withdrawn because of a bruised tow sustained during squad training at Bisham Abbey. Davies, of Wasps, who must hardly known these days whether he is coming or going, is restored to the replacements' beach. England will wish to ensure the fitness of Andrew, their stand-off half, when the team train at Monkstown today. He suffered a miner groin strain at Bisham, but Richard Greenwood, England's

coach, expressed confidence yester-day that the young Yorkshireman would play. Were he to withdraw, Barnes (Bristol) would doubtles be restored to the side for a second cap.

World Cup plan

Wellington (AFP) - A Senior New Zealand official, Dick Little-john, left here yesterday to try and convince England, Ireland, Scotland. Wales and France to support plans for a World Cup involving 16 countries to be held in New Zealand and Australia in 1987. Littlejohn, a member of the New Zealand year-long investigation into the idea of a world cup, at the request of the

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas on the path of revenge

Desmond Douglas has an immediate opportunity to take revenge in the £20,000 Welsh open in the £20,000 Welsh open championships which start in Cardiff today. Only last Saturday, after a hectic early-morning trip from West Germany, the England No 1 was beaten by Andrzej Grubba, of Poland, who went on to win the £3,000 top prize in the Charles Church Interestional

Charles Church International. Grubba, the European No 2, is seeded to get to the Welsh men's final this weekend against the holder, Jacques Secetin, of France: but Douglas, who regularly beats him, could face the Pole in the semi-

Douglas has won the Welsh title and is capable of doing so again, although all predictions could be upset by two little-known and unranked Chinese

It is the last chance for England players to impress the selectors before seams are named for the world and Commonwealth championships. Hoping to win approval are Alan Cooke and Carl Prean, with the Middlesex left-hander, Graham Sandley, is anxious to re-establish himself after dropping to No 4 in the rankings. Douglas. Cooke and Prean make

up the seeded England squad for the team events which begin the championships.

MOTOR RACING

ATS pull out of Formula One

Bonn (Reuter) - The West German Formula One motor racing team, ATS, are leaving the grand prix circuit, their team driver Gerhard Berger said yesterday. reason behind the move.

Mr. John Evans, who has held

million) deal to buy the business publications division of Ziff-Davis Publishing, the privately-owned US group.
News Group Magazines is to change its name to Murdoch Magazines. It will include the

Village Voice. Mr Martin Singerman, an

Accord on rescheduling Polish debt to West martial law in Docember 1981

> repaid any of the money owed to Western nations. Negotiations resumed in late 1984 after the US joined other Western nations in lifting trade and credit sanctions against

Since then Poland has not

The diplomats had no details of the deal but said they were expecting an announcement later yesterday. Reports from Warsaw said \$5 billion of Poland's total debts to the West of around \$28 billion were at Earlier talks about settling

outstanding debt payments were broken off by Nato countries in early 1982 after the Polish government imposed Shultz fights move to alter US trade policy

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The Reagan Administration has not yet decided on a dramatic change in American dramatic change in American trade policy by merging several agencies into one giant department of international trade and industry.

Creation of the new department of the urged President Reagan to retain the White House office of the United States.

MITI, which is credited with giving the Asian nation its independent arbiter within the international trade edge, appeared certain until late last peared certain until late last effectively both as negotiator week when it ran into strong with foreign governments and a mediator of bureaucratic batopposition from Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State.

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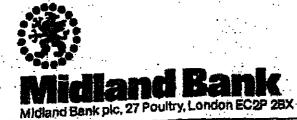
issue in the talks here, although a senior delegate said they covered \$12 billion.

Mr Shultz warned that a new agency designed to promote US business interests during a

ment, along the lines of Japan's the US trade representative on MITI, which is credited with the grounds that it is the only

Monthly Income Deposit Account

With effect from 14th February 1985 interest paid on Midland MIDAS Accounts will be increased by 21/2% to 111/4% per annum.



Sri Lanka injury doubts

Sydney (Reuter) - Sri Lanka were Asantha de Mel, recovering from injury in time to face the West Indies in the World Series Cup daynight match which was due to be

night match which was the to de played here today.

De Mel has been suffering from ankle trouble, and with the West Indies already assured of a place in the best-of-three finals after winning the lirst five of their 10 qualifying matches Australia and Sri Lanka have battle for the other spot.

the Inter-Counties cross-country championship at Branastone Park, Leicester, on Saturday he will do so as favourite. But this elder statesman of British distance

states that of names amance running is wise enough to make so predictions about his chances of winning, for he has learned from hazardous experience sever to coust his medals before they have been

presented.

In much the same way as McLeod likes to run his 10,000 metres races—a brisk pace for most of the way then a fast finishing seray—the namer be gets to the last lap of his international career the faster misfortune seems to follow in his allipstream, From 1978, when he was third in the Commonwealth 10,000 metres, to 1984, when he gave Britain their best over Olympic result over 25 laps but otherwise had a disturbing year, the Elswick Harrier suffered some wretched lock.

Aged 33, next Friday, McLeod says: "If I had not won a medal in LA I would not have had the enthusianm to keep going. I might have slowed down for a while and come back later."

But, despite a further setback in November, when a specialor at a road race in Madrid punbed him to

the ground with victory and a 212,000 car in sight, McLeod

remains determined to make an impact at the world cross-country championships in Lisbon in March. The Madrid incident, which

Arjuna Ranatunga was also doubtful, with a leg strain. West Indies makes three changes from the side which beat Australia by five wickets here on Monday. Gordon Greenidge, Roger Harper and the fast bowler Courtney Walsh replace the captain. Clive Lloyd, Larry Command lost Germer. Gomes and Joei Garner.

WEST BIDSEN: D.L. Haynas, C.G. Greentige, R. B. Richerdson, T.V. A. Richerds, Al. Logis, TP. J. Dujon, R. Harper, M. D. Marshall, M. A. Hoteing, W. W. Davis, C.A. Walsh.

18,890 metres waria record-noter, brought to a close his most traumatic year, Omitted in March from England's team to go to New York for the world cross-country champlonships, even though some with leaser ability were included, his Otympic aspirations began to look in doubt two mosths later. At the trial in Countran he was sulked, his

in nount two mosths later. At the trial in Countran he was spiked, his shoe was dislodged and, by the time he had put it on again, he was in tenth position. He was then under pressure to beat Julian Goster at the AAA Champiouships at Crystal Palace four weeks later, which he did.

"If it hadn't been for the silver medal it would have been a terrible year," McLeod says. Not that he is yet in possession of the memento of his achievement. Having crossed the line (hird in Los Angeles he was awarded the brouze but Martti

Vainlo, the Finn who was second to Alberto Cova, was later disqualified for using drugs, though he refused to hand back his medal. The International Olympic Committee announced last week that their president. Juan Antonio Samaranch, would present MeLeod with a specially struck medal at the World ladoor Games this weekend, but the Englishman had never intended to compete in Paris.

McLood, though, was conditioned

CARRIAGE DRIVING

to the sport's unpredictable nature long before 1984. In 1978 he caught

Khan will not join Pakistan's team for the Test series in New Zealand The Pakistan manager. Yawat Saced, said a statement by the tourists' captain, Javed Miandad that Imran could join the team for the first Test starting here tomorrow was "a bit of a false alarm". The manager said that Imran would return to Australia to play for

New South Wales before joining

influenza just before the European 10,000 metres and fluished four-

teenth; warming up for the 1986 Olympic 10,000 metres final, he felt

Olympic 10,000 metres han, he left twinges in a hamstring, consulted his team doctor as to whether he should pull out, but was encouraged to run and placed twelfith; in 1982 he was chosen for the European 5,000 metres — which I didn't want to do"—and finished twelfth, but when he was granted his wish to run 10,000 metres, in the Commonwealth.

was runner-up last year, an almost certain non-starter in Lisbon,

McLeod would be an able replace

ment but, like Hatchings, he refuses to compete in the national

championship, which is considered

the trust race.

For this reason he was overlooked last winter and says: "I am aticking to my guiss, not just for me but for England's future. We are a nation of

England's future. We are a nation of cross-country runners, but we have

not been proving it in the last

one-day series in Melbourne and

No return for Imran

Sydney in mid-February.
"Imran was about to leave Lahore for Australia and there was speculation that he might go to New Zealand instead." Saced said. He added that no official approach had been made to the farmer Park been made to the former Pakistan

captain.

Abdul Qadir joined the tour party yesterday after his recovery from a foot injury. He is expected to play in the first. Test because the wicket

David Powell meets Britain's popular elder statesman of distance running McLeod's silver lining brightens the gloom

> England were champions five times in the Seventies but, now that the event is more competitive, it seems that it is only the English Cross-Country Union selectors who do not realize that no-one can give their best is the world championship do not realize that no-one can give their best in the world championship just three weeks after having to quality. McLeod says: "Do we want to win or do we want to plod zound? We must have the National five weeks before and it would be nice it it could be over seven and a half miles, the world championship distance, instead of nine".

was granted his wish to run 10,000 matros in the Commonwealth Games that year he had a poor last lap and jogged in ninth; any chance of making good in the 1983 world championships was ended when he had 10 stitchen in a heel wound inflicted during a track race in May. Two months earlier he had withdrawn from the world crosscountry championship on the morning of the race after catching a heavy cold. Since the inter-counties is over seven and a half miles. McLeod believes his form at Leicester should be taken into consideration. "If I fail to win 1 might have to review the situation but even then there is only a slim possibility I would run the In his last appearance in that event, in 1982, he was England's leading runner. Baishing fifth in Rome. With Tim Hotchings, who With the IAAF Grand Prix due to

With the IAAF Grand Prix due to be inunched this year, there is money to be made through participation ites and performance bonuses, but McLeod remins a purer ambition. "I am not going to get involved with bombing round the European circuit like a henatic. I will be doing some of the meetings but I am not going to go eyeballs out thising money. That way I will last a few years longer at the top. Some a few years longer at the top. Some people will want to make a killing and them finish, but I look at Lopes at 37 or 38 and see its not a question of age. If there is a possibility of running in the 38 Olympics at 36 l

medals and has just flown out to join the England squad in the Far

champion, although Mrs Perry is the No 1 for both doubles events, time is growing short for her to prove her fitness and the suitability of her partnerships before next month's nominations for the world

Berger, who expects to drive for the British Arrows team this year, said that BMW's decision last September to stop providing ATS with turbocharged engines was the main

WARNING Ban on Shooting of Wild Birds

The Secretary of State for the Environment has made an order prohibiting the shooting in England and Wales of the wildfowl and other wild birds (except capercaillie) included in Schedule 2 part 1 to the

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 from 0900 hours on Wednesday 16th January 1985 until 2400 hours on 29th January 1985.

Anyone who does not comply may be guilty of AN OFFENCE.

England to host World Pairs event expects around 40 pairs to compete. Sixteen countries are being invited what the qualifying rules for the to send up to four pairs each, with the host country allowed up to six. Sixteen countries are being invited what the qualifying rules for the world championships were, but he hoped to be there with his pair of By Jenny MacArthur

Following the successful Open
Pairs Carriage Oriving Championships held in Italy in 1983, the first
FEI World Pairs Championships are
to be held in England this summer.
They will take place at Castle
Tricy will take place at Castle
Circgory, from Haddington, East
Ariving trials held
Circgory, from Haddington, East
Lothian, was national champion for
four years in succession but had to Concurrently with Championships. miss last year's championships at The FEL the sport's ruling body. Windsor because of illness. He said

Welsh cobs. Taffy and Concorde.

the trial race.

Prince Michael of Kent. comparatively recent convert to the somparatively recent convert to the sport, is another contender for a place following his performance at the Wylve Carriage Trial in September, when he limished second

Telford club find a new

home in **Portsmouth**

Football Club chairman, has taken control of Telford's National League basketball team and is planning to move the ailing Midlands club to the south coast. Mr Descon, who is 73 and is a property millionaire, failed in a bid last week to buy Solent Stars after they had been threatened with closure.
Like Solent, Telford have been in

the hands of the official receiver and were unable to fulfil their National League fixture with Birmingham last weekend. They have not won a league match all season, Mr Deacon would not reveal how much he is paying to buy Telford but he plans bring the club to Portsmouth's Mountbatten Centre, change the

carry on Telford's fixture list.
He is confident it will be well received by the Portsmouth public and said: I hoped they would take to Rugby League, but they would take to Rugby League, but they would not accept it. I am confident they will support a National League basketball club."

IN BRIEF

Club takes stand on county calls

Gloucester Rugby Club could disrupt Gloucestershire's County Championship campaign next season by issuing a "club before ounty" rule to its players, "In November and December we would the without the full side for six successive Saturdays with fixtures against such clubs as Bath. Leicester and Coventry." Peter Ford, the club

"Then, in the New Year, we would probably run into more trouble with players being required by England for the Five Nations Championship." He said Gloucester would be put all a great disadvantage. would be put at a great disadvantage in the National Merit Table and John Player Cup.

TENNIS: John McEnroe has been named world champion for the third time, an achievement equalled only by Bjorn Borg, by the International Tennis Federation. The ITF said their panel, comprising Don Budge, Fred Perry, Tony Trabert, Lew Hoad and Frank Sedeman was upenimous in choose Sedgman was unanimous in choos-ing McEnroe, the Wimbledon, United States Open and Grand Prix Masters champion.

BOWLS: Willie Wood faces David Bryant in today's final of the Tyne Tees Television best-of-three tournament at Darlington. Yester day Wood beat the English women's champion, Rayna Campbell, and Bryant was made to work for a close victory over the UK singles indoor champion. Terry Sullivan.

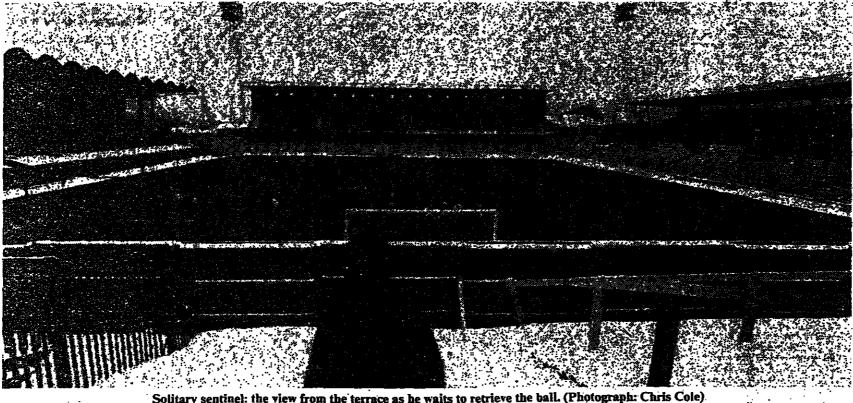
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FA Cup

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FOOTBALL: THE REAL BURTON UNCOVERED IN REMATCH THAT DESERVED TO PULL A CROWD

Loneliness of a long-distance ballboy



Solitary sentinel: the view from the terrace as he waits to retrieve the ball. (Photograph: Chris Cole)

By Simon O'Hagan

Burton Albion. Leicester City

Coventry, yesterday, Burton Albion, of the Northern Premier League, provided it with a performance of outstanding character in this replayed FA Cup third-round tie.

The match was a complete vindication of the Football Association's decision to declare null and void the first meeting between these sides, which the first division side won by 6-1 and during which Paul Evans, the Burton goalkeeper, was

felled by a missile thrown from the mutually dependent relationship

The FA's ruling, that the public be barred from watching on this occasion, was welcomed after the It needed something pretty extraordinary to take one's mind off the bitter cold and the eeriness of an empty stadium at Highfield Road, we had a few players who didn't justice." he said. "In the first game we had a few players who didn't perform as they should have done. Without outside interference we got on with the game and showed a lot of guts and determination and quite a lot of skill."

This was, as it was bound to be, a curious occasion, one that would have been savoured by those philosophers who believe that if matter cannot be perceived then it does not exist. Doubless they would

tween performers and audience.
Well, your will have to take my materialize: Burton gave Leicester little room to establish any superiority and, when in possession. word for it that they could match their supposed superiors not only in moved the ball forward decisively effort but to a large extent in skill also, it quite reverberated with life. and at speed. Mell, the Burton forward, looked There were enough frayed tempers worth every one of the 23 goals he has scored this season; quick of thought and movement, he came significantly a large number within the Leicester ranks - to suggest that

the reality of the afternoon was not doubted by the players. Yet the prospects of a truly competitive match looked as bleak as the weather after four minutes, when Leicester went ahead. Ramsey picked the ball up on the edge of the penalty area and, as he carried it forward, the Burton defence seemed to split open like a block of ice. It suddenly felt a lot colder after

At the other end Lynex tore up and down the right winng, a tribute to the remarkably good state of the pitch, but rarely produced the cross that counted. Lineker had hardly

closest to providing a first-half cqualizer when he picked up a wonderful 50-yard-pass fom New-ton, rounded Williams and forced

Andrews to an athletic one-handed

coming only in the 72nd minute when he cracked a shot against a post. Cracked is an appropriate word for, amid the stadium's great silence, the noise the shot made was

Burton might have kept the tie alive as late as the 91st minute when Newton's 25-yard drive was tipped round the post by Andrews. Alas, for the romantics, this was destined to be a footnote rather than a chapter in English football history. SUPTON ALBION: P Evans: L McJannet. Bistr. S Doby, D Vaughan, N Simms, Harrison, D Newton, S Meil, J Kabla. Froggatt.

LEICESTER CITY: I Andrews: A Feeley, 1 Wisson, R-Smith, T-Williams, J O'Nell, S Lynex, G Lineker, A Smith, P Remsey, I Banks. Reteres: B Hill (Barton Seegrave).

Giles is angered by Robertson verdict

serving defender, Ally Robertson, was given a two match suspension and fined £150 by a disciplinary commission yesterday for an incident in the players' tunnel which his manager, Johany Giles said never took place.

Robertson and Watford's centre

forward. George Reilly, were involved in a disagreement in the tunnel after their club's match at the Hawthorns on December 8. Referee Alan Banks of Manchester thought he saw blows exchanged, and told Robertson he was being sent off. Robertson's verbal reaction led to a charge of insulting behaviour. Reilly, charged only with ungentle-manly conduct, was fined £50 but

Giles said after yesterday's hearing in London: "We are not happy. Ally has been suspended for his reaction to an incident which never took place. There wouldn't have been a second offence if the first hadn't taken place, and the first certainly didn't happen. There were no punches exchanged, and I think that was agreed at the hearing." G Fulham's chairman Ernie Clav

leads an attempt to unseat the Canon League's governing body, the 10-man management committee, at a meeting of chairmen in London

today, while fourth division clubs eventually mean automatic expul-

eventuary mean automatic expus-sion for some of them.

Clay has asked all first and second division club chairmen to attend a morning meeting. Unhappy with the management committee's handling of major money-making activities involving television and pools, he will seek support for a vote of no confidence. The move looks doomed to failure, however, with insufficient support from the Northern block of clubs.

Automatic expulsion is part of a plan to bring fresh blood into the league at the expense of teams regularly forced to apply for re-It would only apply, however,

should a club finish bottom in two successive seasons. Otherwise there would be a straight vote for the League's 92nd place between the club finishing bottom of division four and the winners of the Gola League.

Phil Thompson, the former England defender, looks set to join Sheffield United. The Liverpool League These pages and the company of the Co player, whose one month loan with United expired on Monday, has agreed terms for a permanent move. Sheffield Wednesday have turned down a new attempt by Newcastle United to sign thier

Premier League continue to defy the Mill.

TENNIS

NMG'S CUP: Essen: Sweden bt Ireland. 2-1 Streden names first. T Hogstedt br. S Scrensen. 6-3. 6-2: J Gumarsson bt M Doyfe. 7-6. 6-4, Grunarsson and H Simonsson bost to Sorensan and Doyfe. 6-7. 3-6). Budapest: Beigham bt Denmark, 2-1 (Beigham names first K Demarytick bt M Tarven. 3-6, 6-4; 6-1: J van Langendonck lost to P Bastansen. 4-6, 6-2. 2-6: ven Langendonck and A Brichart bt

Langendortic lost to P Bastensen, 4-6, 6-2, 2-6; van Lungendordt and A Brichant bt Bastensen and M Christiansen, 6-4, 6-4), Louesto Metherianses bt Finland, 2-1 (Netherlands names trat M Costing bt O Raimerto, 6-4, 6-3, D Nyssen lost to Palon, 3-6, 6-4, 2-6; Costing and J Velumena bt Rainarto snd Palin, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6).

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Falmento and Palin. 4-d. 6-4, 7-6).

DENVER: Varginia Silena burnarment. First round: R White IUS) by A-M Cecolini (II), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2: B Gerken (US) bt I Budarova (C2), 6-2, 6-3; M Vesahnghan IUS) bt I Budarova (C2), 6-2, 6-3; M Vesahnghan IUS) bt I Demongaco (Fr), 6-4, 6-1: L Sevichenko (USSR) bt E Raponal-trapp (Avg.), 6-1, 7-8, 10-8: S Gorner (GB) bt K Drayer (US), 6-4, 6-3. Second round: L Spain (US) br A Villagran (Avg.), 6-7, 9-7, 6-3, 6-3.

ICE HOCKEY NORTH AMERICA: Hational Langue (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 2, Quebec Mordiques 1; Calgary Flames 5, Hardord Whalers 2; Boston Bruns 3, New Jersey Devila 2; Vancouver Canadics 6, New York Islanders 5.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: Str-day race (final positions): 1, J kylsten and H Ryvidin (WG), 296 points; 2, b Thursu and A Fritz (WG), 205; 3, G Frank and M Marcussen (Den), 60, and both one kap takind; 4, R Pinan (Neth) and S Schroepfer (WG), 50.

BOWLS
DARLINGTON: Type Tees Television tournsment, semi-finels; D Bryant bt T Sulfran, 5-5, 7-4, 7-2; W Wood bt P Campbell, 6-5, 4-7, 7-2.



Robertson: suspended

reserve forward John Pearson. sday are rejuctant to let Pearson leave Hillsborough because is the only centre forward cover for Lee Chapman.

Derby County have made a bid. believed to be in the region of £100,000 for Gill old forward. Tony Cascarino. John Fashann, the Millwall

forward, starts a two match ban on Saturday. He will miss the game at Orient and the FA Cup replay with Crystal Palace.

Alan Dodd, the former England Under-23 international defender recently released by Wolves, is training with Port Vale - but the club cannot afford to buy him.

BASKETBALL

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EUROPEAN CLP WINNERS' CUP: Querierfinal groups: 108, PACK Thessalomia 96;
Juventus Indess' Caserts' 73, Barcelone 92;
ASVEL Villoutharne 95, Happort 16 Anv 82;
KORAC CUP: Querter-linal group: Oknoba
Simac Mian 108, State Franca's Paris 94;
Resquit Givers 52, Pau Verese 105; Red Star
Belgrads 100, Loor Barcelone 64,
RONCHETTI CUP: Querter-final group: BSE
Budapest 83, Avelino 73.

Budapest 63. Avelino 73.

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA):
Philadelphia 76ars 93. New York, Knicks 82;
Atlanta Hawks 120, Indana Pacers 113;
Claveland Cavaliers 116, Kansas City Kinga
112: Nikewaulay Bucks 115, Los Angeles
Lakers 105: San, Amonio Spurs 121, Utah Jazz
101; Dalias Mevericks 149, Golden State
Warniors 104: Portland Trail Blazers 121,
Houston Rockets 117; Seattle Supersonics
101, Los Angeles Cippers 63.

REAL TENNIS

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Higgins bt R. Baiss. 8-3. Bradbury Hatt. R
Assiron bt W. King (Aus), 6-5; T Griffiths bt D
Chalmers, 8-0.

GOLF JOHANNESBURG: South African tournament postponed because of rain.

CRESTA RUN HARSDEN CUP: 1, N Broble (II), 176.05; 2, 1 LEISCHA (SWIZ), 176.25; 3, W Shipton (GB) 178.13.

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SQUASH RACKETS

League incites more

disorder in the ranks

By Colin McQuillan

world rankings. Stuart Davenport, the world number four. Geoff Williams, the new British champion, and Ricki Hill, the Australian number five, each lost first string year and whom he crushed when his Manchester Northern team opened Manchester Northern team opened their league account with a 5-0 win

number five, each lost first string encounters this week to players they would normally be unlikely to face in seeded tournament play.

David Llovd, the regular first string for Edgbaston Priory, and Ashley Naylor, the frequent understudy for Hiddy Jahan at Squash Leicester, boast a string of league 2. Marchester Northern 3. Lengue positions: Victories over higher ranked opponents. Respectively they beat Devanport and Hill this week, [Leeds] 23: 7. Nottingham 27. 8. Redwood leading their clubs to important lodge (Bristo) 18: 8. Durengs Mill 8.

FOR THE RECORD

Results in the American Express victories over Tyrella and Dunnings

UEFA tell Celtic to rest their defence

before UEFA's disciplinary com-mittee. A lengthy suspension from European competitions seems inevi-table following the incidents at Old Trafford last month in which two Rapid Vienna players were attacked by men wearing Celtic colours.

Celtic will have no say in the

UEFA hearing – presided over by Dr Alberto Barbe of Italy – as the European Union do not permit evidence on behalf of the defence. We were prepared to fly to Switzerland to speak on Cekic's behalf but UEFA told us not to bother," David Will, the Scottish FA president, said yesterday, "They will not consider any plea or submission from either ourselves or Celtic at this stage. If the matter goes to an appeal that will be different.

"However, we have asked UEFA which our secretary. Ernie Walker sent them before the replay at Old Trafford. He expressed concern at the situation being created by UEFA's decision to order a replay and that is a very relevant factor in light of events in Manchester."

The Manchester replay was forced on Celtic after UEFA's appeals committee had overturned an earlier decision by the disciplinary committee to fine Celtic £4,000 and Rapid £5,000 following a turbulent game at Parkhead which the Scots side won 3-0. Two bottles were thrown on to the pitch and a Rapid substitute, Rudolf Weinhofer, had to leave the pitch, claiming he had been struck by a missile. Repid won the replay 1-0 to advance to the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

A four-year suspension was imposed on Leeds United after their fans: rioted during the 1975 European Cup final in Paris. The only Scottish side to have been suspended from European compe-tition are Rangers, who were given a two-year sentence following a pitch invasion in the 1972 Cup Winners' Cup final in Barcelona. This was cut to 12 months on appeal.

Welsh warm-up

Wales will play their football Wales will play their football friendly with Norway at Wrexham on February 26. Alun Evans, the Welsh FA secretary, said the match would be a good warm-up for the World Cup qualifying match in Spain on the same ground in April. Wrexham's fourth division league home game with Chesterfield on February 26 has been postponed.

No reward comes of Grimsby's initiative

By Peter Ball

Grimsby Town Norwich City ...

Grimsby's initiative in enabling their Milk Cup tie to go ahead last night went unrewarded. For the third time in their history, the fifth round proved to be the limit of their ability as they lost 1-0 to Norwich City. The East Anglian Club thus became the first club to go into this year's semi-finals.

The main surprise was to find any match at all, let alone such an open, entertaining one, taking place in snowy Britain.

If the Blundell Park pitch hardly

looked appealing, sterling efforts by the groundsmen and over 100 volunteers, who had cleared four inches of snow from the ground in the morning, meant it was good enough for the orange ball to be replaced by a white one after 14

That conditions did little to put the defenders at their ease, particularly when asked to turn by fleet-footed attackers, was soon evident. Norwich's back four evident. Notwich's back but frequently looked uncomfortable as the Grimsby wingers, Ford and Emson, and the prolific forward parinership of Wilkinson and Blunt. scarched for openings behind them.

The first division team's own
sorties were fewer, but when they were made they held the greater threat. Barham's centre was just

scrambled away from Dechan.
In the twenty-eighth minute, when Barham again got free down the right there was no such let-off for the home team. Deehan met his pin-point cross to head firmly past

Batch.

If Grimsby were deflated by that setback they did not let it show. Foley came forward promisinglyy in support of his forwards, but it wasnot until Emson outpaced Haylock to bring Woods to his knees that Grimsby got a shot on larger.

target.

With Hartford and Shannon displaying their cfaft it was Norwich however, who still had the better chances. Hartford's through ball set Donowa free monents after half-time, but the winger slipped and screwed his shot wide after drawing Batch.

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Then, as Norwich again came forward, Bruce's header hit the bar as he met Barbarn's corner and Grimsby were lucky that the game had not been put beyond their

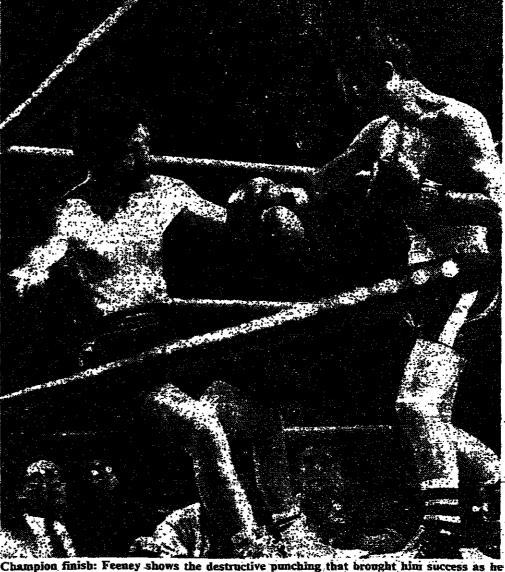
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P Wildreon, G Lund, P Bonnyman, P Emson,
NORWICH CITY: C Woods; P Haylock, (
Downs, S Bruce; P Mandham, D Van Wyk, N
Barhata, M Chermon, J Deshan, A Hartford,

Early start at Chelsea

Cheisea have brought forward the kick-off for Saturday's game with Arsenal in an attempt to beat the freeze. The match will now start at 2pm. "We feel that extra hour migh just enable us to complete the match fore the frost really takes hold. Against Wigan recently the pitch was much icier by 4.15". Shella Marson, the club secretary, said.
Chelsea have the Stamford Bridge
pitch covered with plastic sheeting
and are using hot air blowers to warm the surface.

Queen's Park Rangers intend making their snow-free plastic pitch work overtime during the next few days. Rangers reserves will play Birmingham today (2pm), Millwall on Saturday (2.30) and Tottenham Hotspur early next week.

BOXING



despatches Tony Willis (Photograph: Chris Smith)

Eye injury forces Feeney to retire

British lightweight champion, has retired from boxing after injuring an eye in his last contest. Feeney, a 27-year-old married man, with four daughters, was found to have a detached retim after he unsuccessfully attention to the formal contests of the co detached retim after he busuccessfully attempted to win the European championality from Rudi Weller, in October. He was told not to box again after a specialist examination at Westminster hospital. He will apply for a trainer's licence.

Feeney reigned as British champion in tandem with his younger brother, John, who holds the hantantweight title. Between them

George Feeney, a solid, capable professional, became British champion in October 1982, but his two best remembered contests followed early in 1983. In quick succession he

gave a good account of himself. His retirement is a sad coinci-dence for his manager, Denny

retire with eye trouble in 1974, while still holding the British and still holding the British and European bantamweight titles.
Mancini put some of the blame for Feency's damaged eye on the gloves used in the bout with Weller. He said: "The gloves were no small and certainly didn't help the situation. The British Board of Control should take action and do something about it.

recently and there thumbs were attached to the gloves. This is much safer and likely to cut down this type SWIMMING

Europeans test the water over circuit

Bonn (Reuler) - Leading European swimming nations are to meet next month to discuss the setting up of a circuit on the lines of the alpine skiing World Cup and forthcoming athletics grand prix series, officials

said yesterday. Rainer Wittmann, the organizer of the Bonn swimming festival from February 8 to 10, said officials from East and West Germany, Sweden. East and West Certainy, Sweecen, France and the Netherlands would discuss the idea during the meeting. Wittermann said the nations invloved all staged major swimming events during the European winter and he hoped they would agree to start a circuit text year.

"We're getting to the stage where some organizers are offering prize money to attract world-class performers." Wittermann said. "If we don't get together soon we will all suffer."

He said the new competition could not be named a World Cup as the events would all be held in Europe. But he suggested it could be called something like a "European Winter Series". He added: "It would obviously make sense to share costs for getting say a top US team to come to Europe. But at the moment all the meetings are staged at weekends. Some would have to agree to switch to midweek so that the series could be condensed to

The West German national trainer. Manfred Thiesmann, said swimming faced more difficulties than many other sports because competitors, especially girls, tended to be younger and had to take time

 British swimmers would almost certainly participate in the proposed series as they already do in the existing unconnected meetings (Athole Still writes). The British wimming Federation has not been consulted because it does not at present offer a major international winter meeting.

RUGBY LEAGUE

£1 offer to rescue **Bridgend**

By Keith Macklin

Two 31-year-old men, one a teacher of English, the other describing himself as a student politician, have offered to buy the Bridgend club for £1, with a deadline fixed at noon next Monday.

They are Jonathan Price, a private tutor in Cardiff, and Jeff who was sacked earlier this season.

after only four games.

Price said last night that the offer was perfectly serious, and had the backing of legal and accountancy advice. "The sum of £1 to buy the club seems derisory, but Bridgend has accumulated debts running into five figures and these would have to be cleared" he said. The present owner of Bridgend is Eugene Caparros, a nightclub owner in South Wales, who said recently that he would look at any offers to buy the club.

Price said: "We don't want Rugby League to become a joke in South Wales, we want the game to take root in this part of the world. If Mr Caparros does not accept our offer by next Monday's deadline, we are prepared to look at other possi-bilities in this part of the world".

He said that contingency plans had been worked out to enable Bridgend, who have yet to win a game this season, to exist on gates as low as 300. A marketing manager would be appointed to set up a lottery, merchandising and a social club income. If the bid was successful. Price and Woods would call a creditors' meeting and attempt to publish a full set of accounts.

• Prospects of a solution to the dispute between the Fulham centre. Trevor Stockley, and Widnes, who claim to have signed him, brigh tened yesterday. All three parties appeared before the Rugby League management committee at Leeds, following the suspension of the transfer of Stockley from Fulham to Vidnes last week. The problem has been that

Stockley, unlike other players who claim to be free agents, has played several games for Fulbam this season. Widnes believe they signed him in good faith, Fulbam, opposed the transfer on the transfer or the transfer of the the transfer on the grounds that Stockley is not a free agent, and the player appeared with his solicitor. The committee adjourned, and an announcement is expected later this week giving rise to the belief that the parties are being given time

to sort the matter out between Widnes have appealed against the reduction of the transfer fee on their international half back Andy Gregory from £150,000 to £75,000 because Gregory had only been on the transfer list for a few days and Widnes had not had a few days and

Widnes had not had a chance to test-Carisle have approached St. and Helens for permission to have the saints winger, Kevin Meadows of and

loan with a view to a perman

French claims victory for teachers

Ray French, the former England Rugby union international who went on to play Rugby League, believes he has won complete victory in his battle to sit on the Lancashire Schools Rugby Union Committee.

French was sacked from the committee earlier this season bit has now received the committees support after a meeting on Tuesday evening.

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Bob Weighill, the secretary of the age of the age

achieved everything I set out to sale satthe committee has agreed to accept the any teacher. The move by the RFU of must be applauded and it was eradicate a lot of antagonism. Sale only interested in the rights of a schoolmaster to pursue his trade."

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Club shop plan Yorkshire are to spend £25,000 m a permanent club shop at they did much to restore boxing in the north east, although, for economic reasons, mosts of their contests took place elsewhere.

took on the world champion, Ray Mancini, and a top contender, Howard Davis, in non-title boats, both staged in Europe. He lost, but

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£4 million break for Crucible as the sponsors fight it out

Emabassy, the sponsors of the World Professional Championship, signed a £4 million contract in London yesterday with the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association to keep the event at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, for the next six years. The 1985 tournament to be held there from April 12 to 28 caries a record total of £300,000 in prize money, the winner receiving £60,000, the highest so far offered. The scorer of the maximum break of 147 will also receive a prize of £60,000.

£60,000.
A record total of 103 players have entered for the 1985 event, the qualiffying rounds for which will be held for the first time at the Guildhall, Preston, from March 27

The tournament was first held at the Crucible in 1977, when John Spencer became the champion, He won £6.000 out of a total of £17.000 on offer as prize money. There were then only 33 entries. By 1984 the event had attracted 94 entries, and Steve Davis's third win was worth £44,000 from a total of £200,000 in

Brian Wray, the marketing director of Imperial Tabaco said: "The Embassy World Snooker Championship has been one of the great success stories in sport. The success of snooker is a tribute to the players

who bring nothing but credit to the game. It is hardly surprising that so many other sponsors have now seen the benefit of snooker." His remard suggest something of a battle between rival sponsors in the sport. Dulux the latest to enter the field, are sponsoring the British Open. Steve Davis, the champion, faces

a possible first round match against necting with David Taylor. Davis could meet Alex Higgins in the quarter-final round, but Higgins could face a tough second round match against Terry Griffiths who want on In win the title.

went on to win the title.
Cliff Thornburn. of Canada.
Dennis Taylor. Eddie Charlton.
Jimmy White, Tony Meo, and Tony
Knowles are all in the bottom half.

FIRST ROUND DRAW (British unless stated): 5
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Campbell (Aus) or qualifier; J Whate v G Millies
or qualifier; A Meo v J Virgo or qualifier; D
Mondgo v M Mvol.ead or qualifier; A Knowles v
E Sincialr or qualifier



Stacey Hillyard (above), aged 15, became the first female to compile a century break at snooker in a competitive match when she scored 114 in a men's league game in Bournemouth on Tuesday night.

Flying thick and fast to add to the 29 varieties

it too strongly, but all the same it

has not been seen as often on the rivers as one might expect. It is hard

rivers as one might expect. It is hard to say why. Mick Lunn does not include it as being among the flies that are most frequently seen these days on the Houghton Club waters.

A pattern that is well used there is the Brown Upright, a dressing similar to the Beacon Belge, which is popular on the Wylye and the Avon

on leave from the Somme in 1917.

how important this is may be difficult to say - they must also appeal to the fish.

success in winning the gold and

where the duns are up.

By Conrad Voss Bark Some erudite character once worked out that there were 29 erudite character once out that there were 29 t ways of tying 2 dry fly. It FISHING to front, with or without wings, with hackles all the way down the shank, or at the front, the middle of the back, haifway sideways, with whisks

or without, and so on and so forth.

Fisherman sceptics, of whom there are large numbers, can therefore be forgiven if they look a little askance at some of the new inventions that appear from time to inventions that appear from time to time in the angling magazines. Fair enough. We all have our specialities and it would be a poor world without them, but caution, all the same, is often justified. There was the case, not a few years ago, of a fly which was said to be a braud new invention and practically infallible which turned out to have been first tied by the ancient Greeks and abandon as being fairly useless by purists of

Such things occur. Not that it discourages nimble-fingered fly dressers, who continue to turn out of invention as marks the designers of new fashions in women's hats. Crouched over their vices they are spurred by the hope - and who is to say it is not justified? - that one day they will produce, probably by mischance, a pattern as invaluable as a Greenwell or a Blue Dun, one will given them fame and an entry in the reference books.

Curiously enough, the Greenwell, first tried by Wright of Sprouston-on-Tweed in 1854, seems to be on the decline. Perhaps that is putting

BOBSLEIGH

Phipps's fitness filip

From Chris Moore, Cervinia As Italy, like the rest of Europe, shivers through its coldest winter for 50 years, the world championships at Cervinia carry on regardless. But problems could arise over the weekend if conditions deteriorate further and cause the signostic in the further and cause the airports in the north of the country to be closed for more prolonged periods.

Official practice for the two-man competition enters its final day today, with Wolfgang Hoppe and Bernhard Lehmann of East Ger-

many clear favourites to repeat their **TENNIS**

McEnroe will stand down

New York (AFP) - John McEnroe will not play for the United States in their Davis Cup world group first round match against Japan in Tokyo from March 8 to 10. But he has told Arthur Ashe. the non-playing captain, that he will be available to play in the following

"We should beat Japan easily even without me." McEnroe said "Young players like Jimmy Arias and Aaron Krickstein should be given a chance."

McEnroe's father said yesterday that he expected his son to sign a document agreeing to the stringent Davis Cup conduct guidelines set down by the US Tennis Association (USTA).

silver medals at last year's Olympic Games in Sarajevo. Games in Sarajevo.

There was no happier man in Cervinia vesterday that Nick Phipps, whose hopes of a place in the top six have been threatened by a groin injury which had forced the British champion to sit in at the start for the first two days of practice for the world championships. Yesterday he finally tested the injury for the first time and came through

SKIING Resch finished for season

Austria, has had to undergo a knee operation and will be out for the rest of the season. The downhill specialist aggravated an old injury during training last Friday. The right knee was operated on but crucial ligament problems require further treatment.

GOLF **Phoenix** could see the rise of Faldo

rour Britons and a west German adom the field for the Phoenix Open, which starts today on the flat, orange-tree-fringed, 6,726-yard par-71 Phoenix Country Club course here. Sandy Lyle is on a short American trip. Nick Faldo is making his first appearance of the year and joining them is Ken Brown, of Scotland, and the ubiquitous Peter Oosterhuis. The West German is Bernhard Langer. Faldo's form will be watched with the greatest interest on both sides of the Atlantic. Last year he opened his campaign in the Bob Hope tournament funishing thirtieth, and he kept up a steady improvement. 27th, here, 35th at San Diego and fifth in the Bing Crosby before the news of his marriage break-up reached him in Hawaii. Later he returned to win the Heritage Classic in the week after the United States Masters. Masters.

Oosterhuis won more that £4,000 Oosterhuis won more that £4,000 in the Bob Hope Classic at Palm Springs on Sunday, most of it through his own efforts over the first four days, together with the endeavours of his 12 amateur partners who helped win him the pro-am prize. He finished 39th here last year.

Lanny Wadkins, like Lee Trevino and Johany Miller, does not believe in using one word when three will do. After his thrilling win in the Hope tournament on Sunday, the loquacious Wadkins immediately looked forward to today's tourna

ment.

"I'm starting two of my favourite events. Phoenix [he won in 1982] and Los Angeles [1979] and I won the PGA title [1977] at Pebble Beach, where the Bing Crosby event is due next," he said. "So I'm looking forward to the next month. I'm not going to let up. I'm going to work on my game." And Wadkins concluded with a whoop: "Gosh, what a chance to start a great year!" what a chance to start a great year!"

Misplaced overconfidence? Not necessarily. Wadkins has always played well here except for last year when he finished 43rd. He has had three second places and has been in the top 10 on four other occasions in addition to his title year

ROWING

FISA rule equality on distances

By Jim Railton

The International Rowing Federrecognized equal rights for women in the sport. At their congress in Rome last week, FISA decided that Olympic regattas would be com-pleted over 2,000 metres – the same distance as the men's. Until now the orstance as the men's. Onto now the rowing distance for women has been 1,000 metres. It is only in the year following an Olympic regatta that FISA is normally able to change its

There was some resistance, seemingly from the Eastern bloc to the increased distance for women. The shorter distance favours strength, power and muscle, while the greater distance places a firm mphasis on technique, training and stamina. The junior women's racing distance has also increased, to 1,5000 metres, to bring them into line with the junior men. So, in future, all adult rowers and scullers will compete over 2,000 metres, and iunior over 1.500 metres.

Rather stangely, a mover to equate women's quadruple sculls with the men's event was not carried through. In the women's event a covwain is carried, making it look rather laborious compare with the flow and asceticism of four scullers in unison without the hindrance of the dead-weight of a

Other flies often seen on the middle Test include the Hackled Caperer, the Little Red Sedge, the Sherry Spinner, Lunn's Particular, The men's lightweight and junior 'FISA' championships will be officially designated world championships. Another new world championship which will prove Sherry Spinner, Lunn's Particular, the Ginger and Orange Quills, and, of course, for its limited period, the Mayfly. All these dressings go back a century or more, except the Beacon Beige, which is a variant by Peter Deane, based on the Beige Fly, first tied by a member of the Wills family and beautiful from the Samme in 1017. popular in Britain will be the lightweight women's event. The rules will limit a top weight in a crew to 59kg and each crew must average overall no more thant 57kg. Lightweight women's champion-ships will take place in three Put these patterns to computer analysis and one might be able to discover why they have retained their popularity for so long, though one doubts it. Here are too many intangibles, reason comes into it, and good taste, and their appeal to the eye of the fisherman, not to mention the curious fact – though

disciplines - coxless fours together with single and double sculls. **SNOW REPORTS**





Equestrian frieze: Above the village of weather gallop. This is made up of woods-

Lambourn in Berkshire, away from the shavings, lying 12 inches deep on a drained excitement and glamour of the racecourse, gravel surface, and is a mile long. Before the two racehorses trained by Jenny Pitman horses can be given their workouts, the take their exercise on the Mandown gallops gallop is harrowed and rolled, which breaks (Christopher Goulding writes). Now that the up the frozen surface. At first light, hundreds grass gallops are frozen and covered in snow, of volatile, finely tuned thoroughbreds can be exercise can take place only on an all-

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(Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Whitbread to take over Aintree's opening day

By Dick Hinder

It hardly seems possible that less than a year ago the nation was asked to dig deep into its pockets to help save the Grand National. Fortusave the Grand National. Portunately, the intervention of a fiveyear sponsorship by Seagram, the
whisky distillers, has placed our
greatest steeplechase on a sound
footing once more.

Yesterday, Whitbread added
strength to the National meeting by
announcing a threavear agreement.

announcing a three-year agreement, worth £250,000, to sponsor the first day of the Aintree three-day fixture, on Thursday, March 28.
The brewery company, who were

racing's first commercial sponsors in 1957 with the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown Park, will take over the entire day at Aintree, with £42,000 in added prize money. The

Kaltenberg Pils Chase and before that the Topham Trophy, and the £10,000 Gold Label Chase, run over three miles, one furlong Welcoming the sponsorship, John

Hughes, Aintree's clerk of the course, said that the Gold Label Chase was a perfect opportunity for Gold Cup horses, and others that had missed the Cheltenham race, to compete for another major prize at level weights.

• Building contractors are work-

ing round the clock to repair the £200,000 fire damage to Aintree's County Stand. "The cause of last December's fire is still a mystery." a course spokesman said yesterday. "Many parts of the stand look in a pretty bad state at the moment with blackened and charred wood. But all repairs will be completed before the big meeting.

Icy picture spreads to Ireland

Last season's total of 41 meetings cancelled seems sure to be passed by the end of the week. Tomorrow's meetings at Kempton Park, Catterick Bridge and Towcester have all been called off, bringing this season's tally of days lost to 40.

There is little hope for Saturday, either. Inspections are planned today at Kempton (12.0), Catterick (3.0), Warwick and Haydock Park (3.0) but cancellation appears a formality in every case.

The arctic conditions have also reached Ireland, where blizzards eliminated today's Gowran Park fixture. The card has been postponed, probably until Monday, but could be held on Saturday if the meeting at Navan is off and Gowran Park is fit for racing.

Sponsors keep point-to-point flag flying at full mast

By Brian Beel

sponsorship. The £100.000 allocated y Audi has already been reported in these columns. The others that in these columns. The others may run series, culminating in finals on racecourses, are Diners Club (Chepstow), RMC (Chepstow), Massey-Fergusson (Worcester) Massey-Fergusson (Worcester) Vaux (Sedgfield) Stops and Staff (Towerster) and Dalgetty Spillers

(Huntingdon).

In addition to the series of hunter In addition to the series of hunter chases sponsored by Land-Rover, which qualify for their Champion. Trophy at Cheltenham's evening meeting in May, the same organization is putting up half of the £4.000, added prizenoney for the John Corbett Novices' Championship at Stratford on the penultimate day of the National Hunt season.

the National Hunt season. The nonsense that occurred last vear when that top hunter chaser, Earls Brig, was eliminated by ballot from the Horse and Hound Cup at Stratford will not happen again as, for certain important hunter chases, elimination will be on the handicars-

Easton Harriers Staff College & RMA Sand

Saturday, February 3 Cambridgeshire Herriers Oxlord University Hunt Club

above, winners of a qualifying race. Hunter trials are held on Sundays at a point-to-point (usually it is the first two or first three that qualify to could be organized in each of the 14 enter for the final) will only go into the ballot in the very unlikely event of their number being in excess of the safety factor.

No change has been made, however, in the regulations for horses professionally trained run-ning in hunter chases, so inevitably the principal events are likely to go again to top handicappers that have not raced since the beginning of November, but instead have appeared at the occasional meet of the local hunt. The main purpose of hunter chases could so easily be achieved by making a condition of entry that the horse should be qualified to run in a point-to-point. It was no suprise that the Point-Point Owners Association had their application for a Sunday meeting turned down by the Jockey Club. Perhaps the "foot in the door" approach would have been more

Point-to-point racing in 1985 per's opinion from the lowest weight sympathetically received if it had point-to-point regions on a course more suited to this type of race, with no betting and limited to non-win-ners (horse and rider) of any previous race.
This year Colt Mitsubishi have

This year Colt Mitsubishi have stepped in to sponsor these events—the Shogun series—which I enthusiastically support but, nevertheless, wish were run on other occasions. After all, egg-and-spon races are not normally held in conjunction with athletic meetings. The point-to-point season commences on Saturday, February 2 with meetings at Higham and at Tweseldown. Weather permitting, between, between then and the final

between, between then and the fina venue at Umberleigh; on June 8, another 190 meetings will have been held over 100 different courses.

Next week: a look at some of the horses and riders

FIXTURES FOR THE NEW SEASON



Piggott linked with Roman Beach for tilt at Lincoln

Roman Beach could be the horse last year but disappointing subsetogive Lester Piggott his first Lincoln Handicap victory on March 23. The Doncaster race is one of the few big prizos to have eluded him, produced his best form first time but Roman Beach has excellent credentials. Willie Musson. Roman Beach's trainer, was on the phone to Piggott as soon as the weights were published yesterday but the former champion, with his customary caution refused to make an immediate decision.

"Tve also been offered the ride on Prince Ragusa". Piggott said.
"Unless the unights."

winner of the Newbury Spring Cup.
"Joyful Dancer is at his best when he's fresh". a spokesman for Paul Cole's stable confirmed. "We're very happy with 7st 9lb and Richard Quinn will ride, provided the weights go up."

LATEST BETTING: Hills: 16
Rana Pratap, 18 Cataldi, 20 Vintage

Prince Ragusa", Piggott said.
"Unless the weights go up, I won't
be able to do the 8st IIb on Roman

Piggott need have no worries on that score as Mr Meeka and Miss Silea. Key, the top two in the handicap, are most unlikely to run, in which case the weights would be raised 11lb. bringing Roman Beach's weight to 8st 12lb. Roman Beach loves the soft ground, runs well when fresh and had Piggott in the saddle on his final two outings of 1984, winning over a mile at Doncaster in October and finishing third to Royal Trouper in the last race of the season, also on Town Moor.

Town Moor.

Another Newmarket trainer with high hopes is Alan Bailey who was not displeased with Pagan Sun's allocation of 7st 7lb. The four-year-old won a seven-furlong handicap by 10 lengths on Lincoln day last year and the extra furlong of the Lincoln will hold no fears for him.

"If anything, a mile may be a shade too sharp for him now", Bailey said. "He looked as if he needed a mile and a quarter towards needed a mile and a quarter towards the end of last season. The horse is very well and hurdling seems to have made a man of him."

Steve Cauthen will be offered the

Steve Cauthen will be offered the ride on Vintage Toll, last year's runner-up, by Jimmy Fitzgerald. The Malton trainer was happy with Vintage Toll's 8st 4lb but was not pleased that the weights are likely to take a substantial rise. Nevertheless, Vintage Toll is an intended runner. Star Of A Gunner, fourth last wear, appears one of the best handicapped on 6st 7lb and will be suited by the weights going up. He finished 2½ lengths behind Vintage Toll and is 20lb better off.

Favourite with the sponsors,

Favourite with the sponsors, William Hill, is Rana Pratap, trained by Geoff Lewis. The five-year-old failed to win last year but appears well in on his good form of 1983.

Caraldi fourth in the Champion

Cataldi, fourth in the Champion Stakes, would be a snip with 8st 10lb if reproducing that form but he failed to take advantage of his favourable handicap mark when only fourth to Maumann in his next race, the Autumn Handicap. Guy Harwood, Cataldi's trainer, also has Royal Halo (8st 8lb), an easy Kernaron spinner on his first outling

Comeback for Fealty

Fealty, a 33-1 winner of last year's Two outstanding fillies, Time Sun Alliance Notives' Hurdle at Charter and Habibu, are due to be

and a hall races next season. The Coronation Cup and the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes are his principal objectives.

Cheltenham is all set to make his.

Comeback in preparation for a tilt at the Champion Hurdle in March.

Peter Brookshaw's gelding is due to make his reappearance in either the Fred Rimell Hurdle at Hereford.

Hills and Corals have cut the

make his reappearance in either the
Fred Rimell Hurdle at Hereford
later this month or Sandown's
Oteley Hurdle in early February.

Commanche Run, who gave
Lester Piggott his record-breaking
at Doncaster in September, will be
at Doncaster in September, will be
an oney for Chryssor, trained by
aimed at the long mile and a half.

Welson's former assistant Simon Christian and his price is 16-1 ● George Moore, Hong Kong's June

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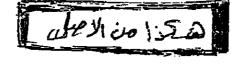
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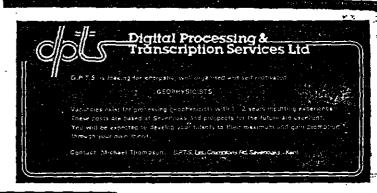
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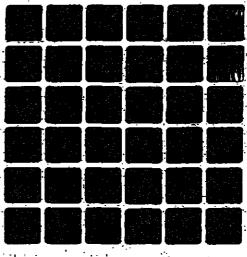
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For the past few years we have been urged to start our own businesses and many have responded. According to a recent Labour Market Quarterly. published by the MSC, self-employment rose from 1.84m in 1979 to 2.25m by March 1984, thus reversing a trend between 1971 to 1979 when the number of self-employed fell by

Starting your own business has received plenty of coverage, but stopping your own business is hardly mentioned. As a recent Oun & Bradstreet survey showed, business failures are continuing at a record level. Total company liquidations in England and Wales for the first nine months of 1984 were 9,890, a 6.7 per cent increase over the figures for January to September 1983. Over the same period bankruptcy among firms. partnerships and individuals soured to 6,229, a massive rise of 25 per cent over the same nine months in 1983.

The penalties for getting it wrong when running your own business can be swingeing - and not only in the financial sphere. Individuals who have traded without the protection of a limited company are personally liable for their debts and can be made bankrupt. Many small businesses trade as limited companies where directors are not personally liable if the company has to go into liqui-dation. However, the directors will often have had to make a personal guarantee to pay back any monics

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borrowed, the most common form being as a second charge against their

Bankruptcy legislation dates from the Bankruptcy Act of 1914, with some modifications contained in the 1976 Insolvency Act. The somewhat archaic procedures are due to be updated in a Bill currently before Parliament, which embraces some of the recommendations made in 1982 by the Cork Review Committee on Insolvency Law, but the present legislation makes it hard for a trader to come to an informal arrangement

with creditors to avoid bankruptcy. It is illegal to continue trading if an individual is insolvent or if a limited company cannot meet its debts or obligations. However, there is, as the Cork Review Committee states, a difficult balance to draw between the right of an honest and prudent businessman who is prepared to work hard and continue to trade out of his difficulties, if he can genuinely see a light at the end of the tunnel, and the corresponding obligation to put up the shutters, where by continuing to trade he would be doing so at the expense of his creditors and in disregard to those business considerations which a reasonable businessman is expected to assume

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Classically, a business going bankropt will have been started by someone with a skill or trade and the desire to be the boss. Such a person is very skilled at the job, but totally lacking in financial and administration knowledge or experience. The company has to be registered for AT, pay tax, and take on employees. The undertaking is often under-capitalised and money is raised through a bank which normally insists on a personal guarantee from the principal. usually through a charge on the

matrimonial home. The business starts off quite well, A good relationship is established with the local bank manager who may then be transferred, taking the account with him, and causing communication difficulties. Companies head-ing for trouble often use VAT or PAYE payments to finance their business under the common misap-prehension that the Inland Revenue Customs, who collect VAT, have noshing to gain by pushing a company into liquidation or an individual into hankruptcy yet nearly 75 per cent of all hankruptcy pentions are filed by government departments. The Revenue. DHSS and Customs are preferential creditors and demand

prompt payment. It is essential to act promptly when financial difficulties arise and to seek advice from accountants or lawyers specialising in bankruptcy or liqui-dation work. It may be possible to save the business or at least make arrangement to get out with the minimum of financial and emotional problems, it is vital for the small businessman to pay strict attention to cash management and important to find a good accountant.

If a perition for bankruptcy is filed the matter remains a private agony until a receiving order is made. This is then advertised and the Official Receiver is appointed to sort out the finances until a meeting of the creditors is called to decide whether the Official Receiver should stay or a private liquidator should be called in. A liquidator is normally appointed only if there is real money or assets remaining in the business. The Official Receiver will require a virtual life history from the bankrupt and a statement of affairs. There will be a public examination by the Official Receiver, which looks at all past financial transactions and the bankrupt's lifestyle, to ascertain that there has not been any intent. Creditors may attend, although they rarely do.

An undischarged bankrupt cannot

cannot incur credit over £30 without disclosing his undischarged bankruptes, and must live in the pocket of the Official Receiver or Trustee until his discharge. It is possible to apply to the Courts under Section 26 of the 1914 Bankruptcy Act for discharge. automatic after live years.

or be a director of a limited company,

The trustees or Official Receiver will have the authority to dispose of all the bankrupt's assets in order to clear debts. Forced sale value generally represents only a tiny value of what goods are worth, mising little for creditors. A bankrupt is entitled to retain only the tools of his trade, clothes and bedding for himself and wife and family to a value of £250. In practice the Official Receiver will take a more considerate view.

Banks are not been to be seen making people homeless. They usually play fair where the family home has been put up as security, but only if they think that their erstwhile customer has been honest with them Recent experience shows that bank managers are themselves under pressure and seem to be taking a

If a possession order is made for the property, it does at least oblige the local authority to re-house the family. Frequently the wife has agreed to out up her jointly-owned home as security tand it is usually the husband's business) without thinking through the implications and all too often the family does not discuss the business financial problems.

The final crash and subsequent loss of a home can, in addition to the

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practical difficulties, cause serious emotional problems.

As the survivor of a creditors' meeting out it: "losing your own business is like losing a child that you have nursed through a long sickness. You feel aimless and lost. You have let down yourself, your wife, your family and your suppliers. You have nothing to do and a lot of time to do it in. You no longer trust your own

The wife may lose her home and social circle and can be thrust on to the labour market with few skills. Members of one family, who had to quit their home more than 11 years ago, still shudder at the memory of their damp, dark, over-crowded flat after their spacious suburban home.

Bankruptcy often means owing money to friends or people seen regularly in your locality. Bankrupts and their families are unable to participate in the social whirl. Friends are easily embarrassed. Children may have to change school and for all members of the family it will mean a change of lifestyle. Despite the fact that business bankrupts are rarely have a bank account, cannot manage, scoundrels, the stigma remains,

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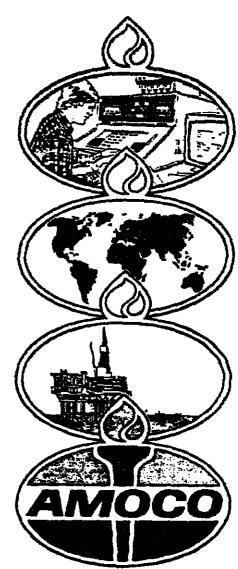
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phone-in aurgery. 9.00 Ceefax, 10.30 Play School, presented by Sasert Bradey (1).10.50 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard itmore and Moira Stuart. The weather details come from lan McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news neadlines with subtitles).

Pebble Mill at One with d-r-y expert Bill Eykyn's elloris on spidated semi coming under the critical eye of architect John Armitage; and Jill Crawshaw with holiday ivice. 1.45 Bagpusa (r). The Afternoon Show presented by Barbara Dickson

and Pattle Coldwell. Among the dams in this week's edition are an investigation into what happens when people disappear from home; are dogs man's best friend or are they a social nuisance?; and Castaway author. Lucy Irvine, talks about what life is like on a desert stand 2.40 Ceefex. 3.48 Regional news (not

3.50 Play School, presented by Sheetagh Gilbey. 4.70 The Family-Ness. 4.16 Jacksnory Griff Rhys Jones with part three of The Church Mice and the Moon 4.30 Dogtanian and the Three Muskahounds. Part three of the animated adventure series. 4.50 John

Craven's Newsround. 5.00 Blue Peter. The story of how Barwell, a Laicestershire village, became to be known world-wide after an event in the area that took place on Christmas Eve, 1965 (Coolex).

5.30 Dr Kildare. Part four and the man critically ill with burns needs the expert attention of the brooding Dr Becker. Starring Richard Chamberlain with James Mason and Margaret Leighton (r). 5.58 Weather. 6.00 News with Sue Lawley and

Nicholas Wilchell. 6.30 London Plus. 6.55 Tomorrow's World. The latest news from the worlds of science and technology includes reports on a new

equash racquet and a safe and efficient electric carpet. 7.20 Top of the Pope, introduced by Peter Powell and Gary Davies. 8.00 The Front Line. The last episode in the comedy series starring Paul Barber as a

policeman and Alen Igbon as his Rastaterian half-brother 5.30 A Question of Sport. On Bill Beaumont's side are Kerry Dixon and Eric Bristow; in Emlyn Hughes's team are lan Sotham and Annabelle Croft

9.00 News with Julis Somerville. 9.25 Charters and Caldicost. Part two of Keith Waterhouse's six starring Robin Balley and cricket-mad, retired foreign service man who become mixed up with murder and a 10.20 Question Time. Sir Robin

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Day's panel consists of Margaret Josephin, Andrew. Nell, editor of the Sunday Needham and Clare Short. 11.20 Night Court, American comedy series about an-unconventional night court judge. Starring Harry Anderson and Karen Austin.

11.45 Weather.

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6.15. Good Morning British presented by Arne Digreend and Nack Owen. Names and Gordon Honeycombe at \$30. 7.00, 7.30, 8.50, 8.50 and 8.00; abort at 5.29 and 7.37; quast, Peter Banworth, (rpm 5.45; examples at 6.50 and 8.30; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Lloyd Grossmen in Cemeridge at 6.15; from review at 8.40; a discussion on Daby massage at 9.65.

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1.00 Naws at One with Legeste Parkin, 1.20 Thamas nave from Robin Houston 1.30 Falcon Crest, Drama about the machinations to gain control of a Californian wine としらいきちち

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3.25 Thames news headings, 3,30 Sons and Daughters, The Little Grean Man, A recest of the programme shows at note, 4.15 The Moomins, 4.20 Sooty with Matthew Corbett, 4.40 Words. Words, Words A lightheatled arra-gam of pure, poems and pop 5.00 Dangermouse.

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9.30 TV Eye: Raciel Outlaws. Two Asian researchers were sent to live in London's East End to experience first hand racial harassment of which hundreds of incidents have been logged in the area in recent months. 10.00 News at Ton...

19.30 Kojek, The first showing on Thames Television of an episode in the series about the lolly-licking bless York coliceman. In this apisode he has two hours in which to save five people who are being held gunmen.

11.30 Cockney Darts Classic, Eric Bristow, who won the World Derts title last Saturday, joins Steve Rider for the two semifinals of the tournament. One semi-final is between John Rose of the July Farmer, ... Maderinead, against Frank Webb representing the Prince of Wales in Plaistow; the other, between Peter Young from the Watner Castle, Ramsgate, and Jack Papworth of Mill Hill Services Club. 12.20 Night Thoughts.



Felicity Kendal: The Mistress (BBC 2, 9.00pm)

BBC 2

9.20 Daytime on Two: meeting points to Germany, 9.38 The French town of Fecamp 9.55 Contrasting life in a Spanish

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and monises of anow and ica.
11,39 Manufacturing in Wales.

beginners, 12.20 Newsreels and television reports of the

Fittles 12.45 How people's working lives are affected by

economic recession. 1.20
Contrasting Italian form and
country life. 1.38 Drawing the
right attention to yourself. 2.00
For the vary young. 2.15

Lifeary music for children 2.40 A sports reporter and a features action flustrate how

5 25 News summery with sublities

6.30 Smooth Dut. The first in a new

senes in which Mike Smith

itwees British Leanagers to

exchange views and ideas with their counterparts from

other parts of the globe Luxembourg is the venue for

this opening programme where presented Hans Meise

introduces English speaking teenagers from throughout the

Common Market. They, and those at Television Centre,

express their views on opinior

Monkey. Adventure of a group of pligrims as they make their

Cartoon Two. Zea, an award winning film which had to be filmed in loss than two

seconds for safety's sake.

starring Bob Hope, Bling Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and

the Andrew Sisters. Hope and Crosby are two acrobats, on

the run form an trate carnival the run norm an instell carrively owner after whecking a funfair with their bicycle act. They smuggled themselves on board a boat bound for Rio

and discover a lady in distress

Directed by Norman McLeod. 8.30 Out of Court examines; the

operators to provide compensation; the different fights on both sides of the Atlantic to obtain legal help for drug victims; and the 100Al Lloyd a yacht that capsized at

starring Felicity Kendal in the title role with Jack Galloway as her lover and Jane Asher as

Proper, A documentary about accents and dialects and why

hired by his lawyer and friend,

Beth Daverport, to find a missing witness in a murder case. What Jim discovers puts

a strain on their friendship (r).

they are thought to be

10.10 The Rockford Files, Jim is

11.00 Newanight. Ends at 11.50.

mportant (see Choice).

imited liability of tour

9.00 The Mistress. A new comedy

9.30 Forty Minutes: Talking

contators to provide

way to a shrine (r).

6.50 Film: Road to Rio* (1947)

polls conducted on a number

of Issues.

11.55 Basic tradminton for

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 TALKING PROPER (BSC 2.
 9.30pm) demonstrates the depth of feeling among the persecuted minority whose regional accents mark them out for inticule, although it would, perhaps, to a trifle drastic to mate out the punishment that Janet Street-Porter recommends for the fun-pokers; put them in Rempton instead of the people remptor mareau or the people currently being kept there. Miss Street-Porter equates accords with individuality. Applied to herself, the argument is water-light. There is no other woman on television who sounds even remotely like her, just as there is no other woman announcer on radio who can be mistaken for Susan Rae, frequently accused (though not by me) of shrouding her words in an inpenetrable Scots mist. The bad inpenstrable Scots mist. The bad news for regional accent multants

CHANNEL 4

Halliwell continues his series of British documentary and propagands films of the Second World War with Theirs

documentary reconstruction of the Battle of Arnhem, directed by Snan Desmond Hurst, We Ball at Midnight, directed by

Julian Spiro, is about a Lease

Land operation to supply tools to a British tank factory: Village School is a portrait of a

Buckinghamshire school whose roll-call was increased

by the influx of evacuated

4.25 Countdown. Yesterday 9

4.55 Film: We Are Not Alone'

7.00 Channel Four News

(1939) starring Paul Muri.

accused of having an atlast

murdering his wife Directed by Edmund Goulding.

7.50 Comment. With her views on a

metter of topical importance is

Sally Vernon, a housewife and

committed environmentalist.

Miranda Robertson present

discovery in engineering and science. Their subjects this

prevent their own extinction by

aking control of ants' brains.

Hedderwick, a university lecturer from Shelfield and his sister, Jeni Beasley, a market

research interviewor in Leicestershire, guide Anneka

countryside in pursuit of hidden treasure, the clues to

Cenneth Kendall in the studio.

thrifler and Frances Carr and

nowhere near the amount of

Masters. The first match in a

new round robin tournament in

new round room user amend which billiards players and snooker players are taking part. Tonight sees billiards player Mark Wildman playing

comedy series of one-liners and quick fire sketches.

programme in the series in which Professor James

Mackey explores the images of numen faith as reflected in

the world's religions and philosophies. Professor

Mackey's guest is Hindu acholar, Mathoor

Indian Culture.

Krishnamurti, of the institute of

money demanded for their

its whereabouts given by

her daughter have been kidnapped in Ireland, but

husband Geoffrey has

10.30 Ciffiards: The Blue Arrow

Alex Higgins. 11.15 Assaulted Nuts. A new

11.40 Hall of Mirrors. The second

9.30 The Price. Part two of the

evening are parasites who

6.30 Treasure Hunt Karl

B.00 Discovery. David Bollomy and

another programme in the series on innovation and

with a governmes and of

Pora Robeon and Jane Bryan

Eldridge.

hildren Oracted by John

winner of the words and numbers competition is challenged by Mary Spencer from Malton Mowbray in

2.25 The British at War, Lasks

is the Glory" (1946), a

is that the talking cookers, toasters and alarm clocks of tomorrow will have standard BBC voices, i.e. the Find that cause the least amount of affence to the greatest number of DECONO.

CHOICE

For reasons best known to themselves, BBC Television have though; it not to let onless have an early with of the mistress feve enearly with of the mistress (BBC 2, 9 00pm). My own expectations, however, are high. For one thing, Felicity Kendel has the title role, and she is an actress who brings a special kind of magic to everything she coss. For snorther, the script is by Carla Lane, begener of Butterflies and The Liver Birds You could hardly call it a day for unmissable movies, but there are a

rapid in its successor, Road to Ball. but the partnership of Crosby. Hope and Lamour was still the best comedy without are since the Mark Bromers ... WE ARE NOT ALONE (Channel 4, 4.55pm) is sombre stuff but the metching of Paul Muni and Fiora Robson paid off handsomely in dramatic terms, and 1939 California stood in

taw I can recommend. ROAD TO RIO (BBC 2, 6,50pm), fifth in the

"Road" canon, began the slow decine that was to become more

convincingly for 1914 England ... THEIRS IS THE GLORY (Channel 4, 2.25pm), a reconstruction of the battle of Archem, filmed only a year later, was much more concernt than Attenborough s A Bridge Too Far.

Peter Davalle

4.40 Story Time "Mester of the Moor by Ruth Rended, strategod in 10 parts (9). The reader is Christian Roosks. 5.00 PM News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O Clock News: Financial

Report.

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Ann Monserrat, widow of Nicholas, who wrote The Crue!

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10.00 News, Medicine Now Report on recent discoveries

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Davies, Read by Juli Balcon.

10.45 An Act of Worship.!

17.00 News: Travel; Blueprints for Disease. The roots of genetic disorders, With Colin Tudge Irl.

11.45 Passing Trades? Emest Allen talks to David Wilmott about his life as a shopkeeper in the Detbyshire village of Ashbourna.

12.00 News: You and Yours. Consumer affairs, with Pattle Coddwol.

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Jenny Wallier India out about it
Plus the eighth instalment of The
Soft Talkers.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Blue Pacific
Island. By Andrew Rissek, With
Julief Stevenson and Anthony
Bate. On a train, a woman meets
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relationship is founded on the
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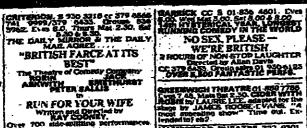
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night that it had not yet had any service in Cologne Cathedral, approach for the Queen or other although he has also agreed to members of the Royal Family address a meeting at Belsen, the to participate in a service. At site of a Nazi concentration this stage the Queen has no camp.
other major engagements on The United States is anxious other major engagements on

The Ministry of Defence not discuss details vesterday, but officials said that they expected to draw up proposals "very quickly", and these would be put to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, and to the Prime Minister.

questions the ministry faces is over Naziism, rather than the whether to invite to such a defeat of Germany. The French service representatives of the also intend to pay tribute to other Allied nations, the Soviet French prisoners of war, and Union, and Germany. Mrs those of their countrymen sent Thatcher is anxious that any to concentration camps. celebration should not take on

celebration will to some extent tation, and he subsequently depend on a meeting between invited Herr Kohl for a much Mrs Thatcher and Herr Helmut quieter ceremony of rememb -Kohl, the West German Chan-rance and reconciliation. cellor, in Bonn tomorrow at the latest of a regular series of furious when, in 1975, the bilateral meetings at which government of President Gis-

The Prime Minister will sary of VE Day. repeat to Herr Kohl her

By Alan Hamilton A service of commemoration assertion in the Commons on in Westminster Abbey on May Tuesday that the commemo 8 in the presence of the Queen, ration should celebrate the with Second World War vet- victory of freedom over tyerans forming the majority of ranny, and 40 years of peace

proces in Europe.

There have been suggestions in the wake of the Govern-that peace in Europe would be ment's about-face on the ques- more suitably celebrated during tion of marking the day. Major the economic summit in Bonn Bob Tomlins, general secretary of the Royal British Legion, had Japan will also be present, or at talks yesterday with the Ministhe summer review meeting of try of Defence on what form the ministers on the tenth annivercommemoration should take, sary of the Helsinki Final Act, Last night he said that no firm which formalized detente in

In West Germany, Herr Kohl key, and has suggested it be Buckingham Palace said last confined to an ecumenical

> that there should be some ceremonies honouring the Allied dead, but is wary of offending German feelings, and thereby upsetting the currently close Nato ties.

The French Government announced yesterday that it would celebrate the anniversary with ceremonies stressing the themes of peace and reconcili-One of the most difficult ation, and recalling the victory

President Mitterrand was too international an aspect for embarrassed during last year's fear of the offence it might celebrations for the fortieth cause. The final form of Britain's excluded any German represen-

French war veterans were matters of mutual concern are card d'Estaing decided not to celebrate the thirtieth anniver-

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Costa Brava becomes the Costa Blanca



Bleached beach: Vicente Comi, a fisherman, clearing snow off his boat yesterday and hoping for warmer weather at Arenys on the Costa Brava.

Blizzards sweep Europe

ban on wildfowling on the advice of the Nature Conservancy Council.

British remained caught up yesterday in the worst blizzards to hit northern Italy for half a century (Philip Webster writes from Milan).

With all airports closed, after three days of continuous snow, parties of skiers were still stranded in Italian cities including Milan and Bologna.

One large party of British schoolchildren was flown home from Genoa yesterday shortly before that airport was closed yet again, after a treacherous coach journey through the night from Milan. Turin airport was closed

soon after the arrival on Tuesday night of the Liverpool football team for their European Super Cup match with

A British Airways spokesman in Milan said: "Nothing can move: Milan, Venice, Pisa, Genoa and Bologna are all closed, and even if there were flights, people cannot get into the cities to take them."

The last remaining escape route to England was shut yesterday when Milan railway station was closed down because of points failures. Stranded Britons in Milan, where almost three feet of snow has fallen, were geing given half-board and hotel accommodation by their couriers. THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Court's ruling puts pits leader in 'exile

Continued from page 1 union's decision to get rid of Mi

Mr Richardson, who has vowed to fight the "Spencerist" breakaway movement in Not-tinghamshire, said that he would be back in his office in Mansfield this morning, even though he is unable to transact most of his normal business.

Asked why he brought the action against his union rivals he said: "I wanted to prove that they had breached the constitution that they have always argued they were standing for, and the judge said that they had done that.

As the case was heard behind closed doors in room 98 of the High Court building in the the three national

officials of the miners' union board managers were simply were meeting senior managers sitting on their hands and doing from the Coal Board to talk nothing while the strike was about social welfare in the played out by the union. industry at a hotel across the Officials who have assumed road from Buckingham Palace.

But the dispute, now in its miners' union in Nettingham-eleventh month, was not on the shire were baffled last night by agenda and it is clear that there Mr Richardson's claims that as will be no resumption of peace a result of his court action he talks between the two sides until the miners make a substantial union in the area (Craig Seton concession on policy that pits writes). must not close on economic grounds.

Mr Michael Eaton, chief said his understanding was that spokesman for the board, said: the judge had reaffirmed the "We have had no formal decision of the Nortinghamshire communication from the NUM executive to suspend Mr that they wish to meet us with Richardson as general secretary their approach." Mr Eaton denied that coal executive.

the full executive, and we await for sending our correspondence

Weather

Ian MacGregor, the National Coal Board chairman, sank to a new low yesterday ma flury accusations from deputies lead Mr MacGregor was variously described by the officials as cold callous and negative after his refusal to take up a deputies' suggestion that he should initiate new talks with the National Union of Mine

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By Peter Davennor Relations between the

workers. -As a result of the breakdown the union, the National Association of Colliery Overmen.
Deputies and Shoffirers has decided to sever all its contacts with the board at national level In the words of the union's general secretary. Mr Peter McNestry, the union was divorcing itself from the board.

That further deterioration comes in the wake of the neardisastrous disagreement las year which took the union to the brink of its own national strike which would have closed the coalfields.

It threatens to damage the effectiveness of the return toboard needs deputies to cross miners' picket lines to take working pitmen underground to resume coal production.

The disagreement arose after a meeting of the coal industry consultative group on Tuesday at Hobart House, the board headquarters in London, at-tended by Mr. MacGregor and three senior deputies' men. Mr Ken Sampey, the president, Mr Joe Benham, the treasurer, and Mr McNestry.

Mr Sampey said that the union delegation had asked the board chairman to call a meeting with the NUM in view of the miners union decision to involve its full national execuve in future talks.

Mr MacGregor rebuffed the move and the deputies men said he was the main stumbling block within the board to new negotiations.

The pay offer to the deputies, understood to be 5:2 per cent, is to be put to an individual hallot of the 17,000 members. Votes will be counted by January 25.

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Symphony Orchestra: Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30. Concert by the Edinburgh Quartet; Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, 7.45. Recital by Richard Howarth (violin) and Michael McGuffin (piano); Tullycarnet Pavilion, Castlereagh,

Northern Ireland, 8. Handel's Ottone: Queen Elizabeth II Theatre, Winchester College, 7. Concert by the Jacobson Trio; Bootham School Hall, York, 7.30. Recital by Christopher Underwood (baritone) and Michael Hancock (piano): Royal Exchange Theatre,

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The papers

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as it comes in the middle of one of

the harshest spells of winter weather

to "go on being a bad loser". "He has developed the worst case of sulks since Achilles refused to leave

his tent to fight the Trojans," the

Births: Pedro Calderon de la Barca, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1600: Thomas, 3rd Baron Fairfax of

Cameron, Commander-in-Chief of the New Model Army in the Civil War, Denton, Yorkshire, 1612; Benjamin Franklin, Printer, inven-

tor and American revolutionary

Anniversaries

and in the worst affected areas. The Sun asks if former Prime

Roads

Wales and West: A470: Temp lights (24hrs) at Erwood, between lights (24hrs) at Erwood, between Builth Wells and Llyswen; single file traffic: subsidence. A470: Lane restrictions between Cardiff and Merthyr Rd at Abercyon, temp lights, also at Merthyr Vale, temp lights, A449: Northbound lane closure at junction 24 - M4 Monmouth to Llantrisant: contraflow on southbound carriageway also from Coldra to Usk, two sets of

contraflow: contraflow again between Ragian and Monmouth. The North: Al: Roadworks at Beal, S of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Al: Roadworks at Linkhall. North Charlton. N of Alnwick. A616: Major roadworks with traffic control from Deepcar, through Stockbridge to Langsett.

Scotland: A987: Temporary truffic lights at Cullaloe Reservoir W of the A909 junction. A907: Single file traffic with temporary lights two miles W of Kirkcaldy

In a blind taste of 38 lov

appellation red burgundles costing under £5, the following were selected as excellent value for

1982 Bourgogue Pluot Noir, Cavo

des Vignerons de Buxy, Malmaison Wine Club, 28 Midland Rd, London

NW1. £3.89: 1982 Geisweile Bourgogne Cuvee 18eme Siècle. Peter Dominic, £3.35: 1982 Bour-

gogoe Vallet Frères, The Vintner Wine Club. 5 High Rd. Byfleet

Best wines

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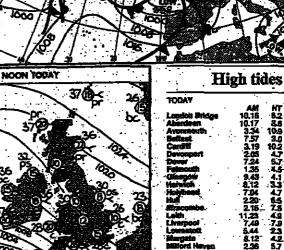
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perhaps? (4,4).

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banks (6).

1 Result of killing a gazelle,

5 Vessel kept going by a couple of

name of divine female (6).

12 County's gifted opener departed

18 Instruments to amplify sound

21 Sort of weather forecast for

25 In Paris for the music, good and dead as Wilde said (8).

27 Linesman helping the poor

from headquarters (6-6).

Rockies, perhaps (4-5),

23 Novel device for lifting (5). . 24 Hard worker a victim of long-

term investment (6).

26 Jib at clearing rubbish (6).

players? (8).

- 1 Carry out raids over a long
- 2 County now divided, by sea (6). 3 Like any question, not alto-
 - CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St. Glasgow, 7.30. Piano recital by Anna Markland; Lancaster University, 7.30
Piano recital by Jorge Bolet; St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, I.

The Anthroposophical Path Timagel House, Meadow Bank Rd, Sheffield, 7.30. History of English miniature painting, by Margaret Ryder, Art Gallery, Surrey St, Graves Art (Sheffield, 7.30

Bird ringing in the Sheffield area by Geoff Mawson; Friends Meeting House, Hartshead, Sheffield, 7.30. The Topographical View, by Stella Dyer, Collins Strathclyde University, 1. Expert systems in medical care, by Dr A L Rector, Medical Sciences

Building, lecture theatre 2, Leicester General

International Contemporary Art Fair: Contemporary art for sale from galleries in 22 countries, paintings, prints drawings, sculpture and photographs by over 1000 artists; Olympia, London; 11 to 8

Solemn Requiem Mas commemorating twentieth anniversary of death of T. S. Eliot; St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, South Kensington, London 7pm; William Byrd's Mass for Five Voices; preacher: Archbishop of Canterbury

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forecast

airflow covers all areas. 6 am to midnight.

Loodon, SE England, East Anglia, Midlands, S Wales: Dry and bright at first after early mist and fog patches; outbreaks of snow spreading from S leter, wind E moderate, increasing fresh; max temp -1C (30F).

Central S, SW England, Channel lands: Dry at first; snow spreading N, turning to rain on S coasts; wind E strong with gales in exposed places, causing severe drifting; max temp, 1C (34F).

arter early miss and log passes, while are SE, light or moderate; max temp -2C (28F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glesgow, Argylit Coudy, outbreaks of snow dying out from the S; wind E to SE, light or moderate; max temp -1C (30F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray, Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Oritney, Shetisnd: Cloudy, outbreaks of snow; wind E to NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 2C (36F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Seturdey: Snow, with severe drifting, continuing to spread N. over contral and N areas of England and Wales; continuing very cold; mostly dry and bright over Scotland and Northern treland.

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SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind SE light, increasing fresh or strong later; occasional snow, visibility poor; sea smooth becoming moderate to rough later. Straits of bover, English Channel: Wind SE moderate increasing strong, perhaps gale; occasional snow; visibility poor; sea slight becoming very rough. St George's Channel: Wind E strong to gale; occasional snow; visibility moderate or poor; sea rough or very rough, Irish Sea: Wind E moderate increasing fresh or strong; wintry showers; visibility moderate locally poor; sea slight becoming mainly moderate. diplomat, Boston, Massachusetts. 1706: David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, Prime Minister, 1916-22, Manchester, 1863: Mack Sennett, film producer (creator of Keystone Cops), Rich-mond, Quebec, 1880; Sir Compton Mackenzie, Novelist, and Scottish Nationalist, West Hartlepool, 1883. Deaths: Frederic William Myers,

Sir Francis Galton, explorer and anthropologist, Haslemere, Surrey. Antony of Egypt.

poet and a co-founder of the Society

of Psychical Research, Rome, 1901

Weybridge. Surrey. £1.50: 1981 Bourgogue Rouge, Champy Père et Cic. Just in Case. 242 Blackfriars Rd, London SE1. £3.59: Bourgogue Pinot Noir. Domaine Parent. Le Parliament today (2.30): Debate on

regional policy.

Lords (3): Prosecution of Offences Bill, committee, first day. Nez Rouge, 12 Brewery Rd. N7, Source: What Wine. Jan 1985.

Snow reports

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